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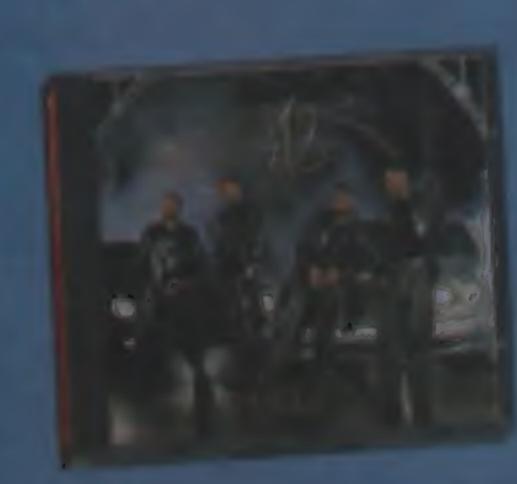




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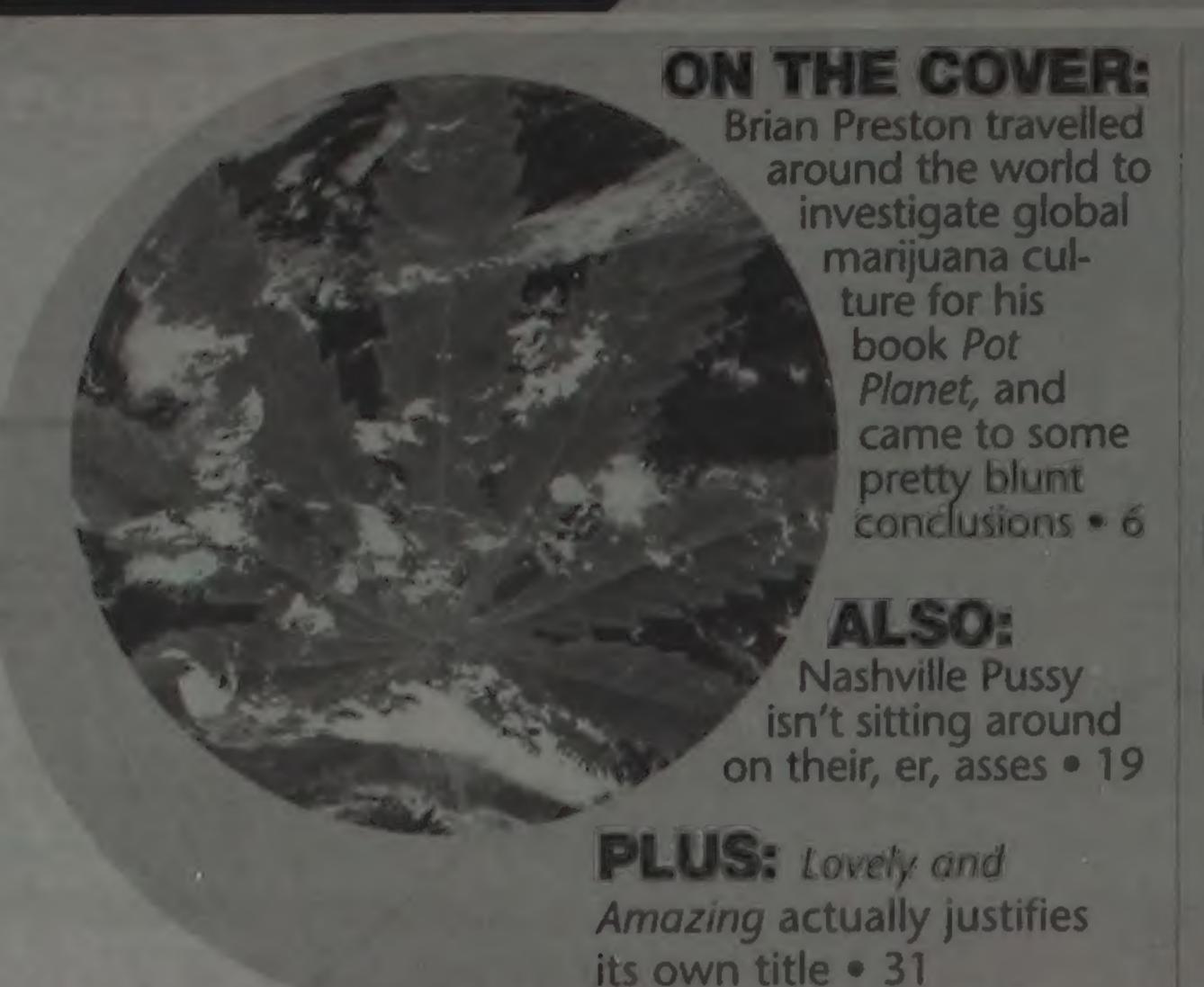
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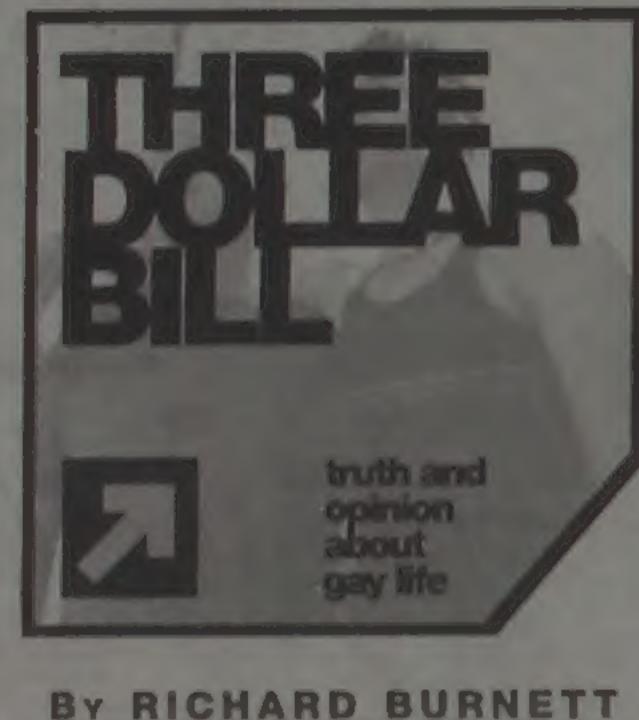
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When I look at Michael Jackson, I can't help but think that his face is tighter than my ass. Not to mention a whole lot whiter.

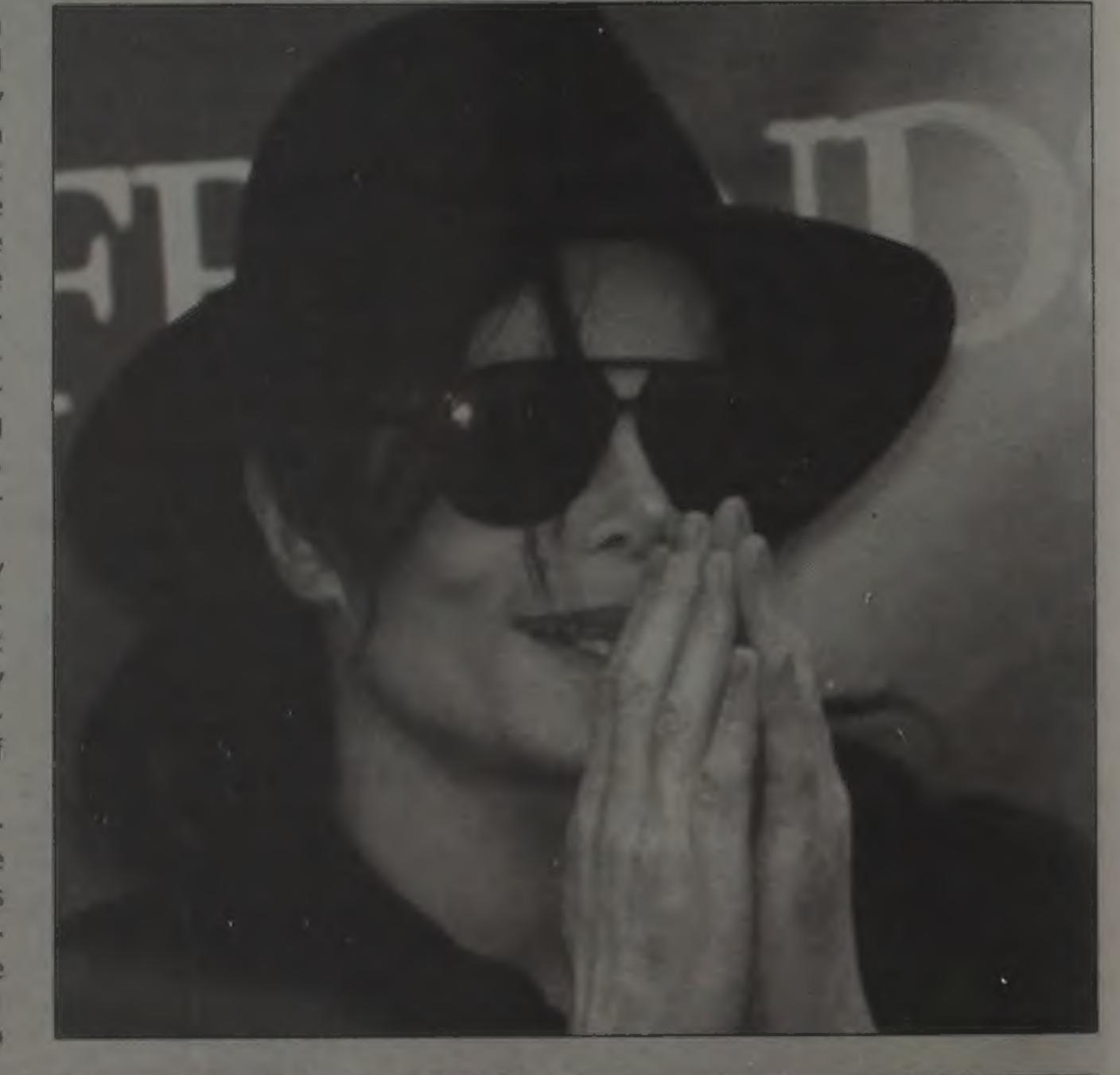
But the stench of homophobia saturating the gay-porn scandal surrounding Jackson right now turns my stomach almost as much as the allegations of child sexual molestation Jackson faced back in 1993. That's because this time the main-

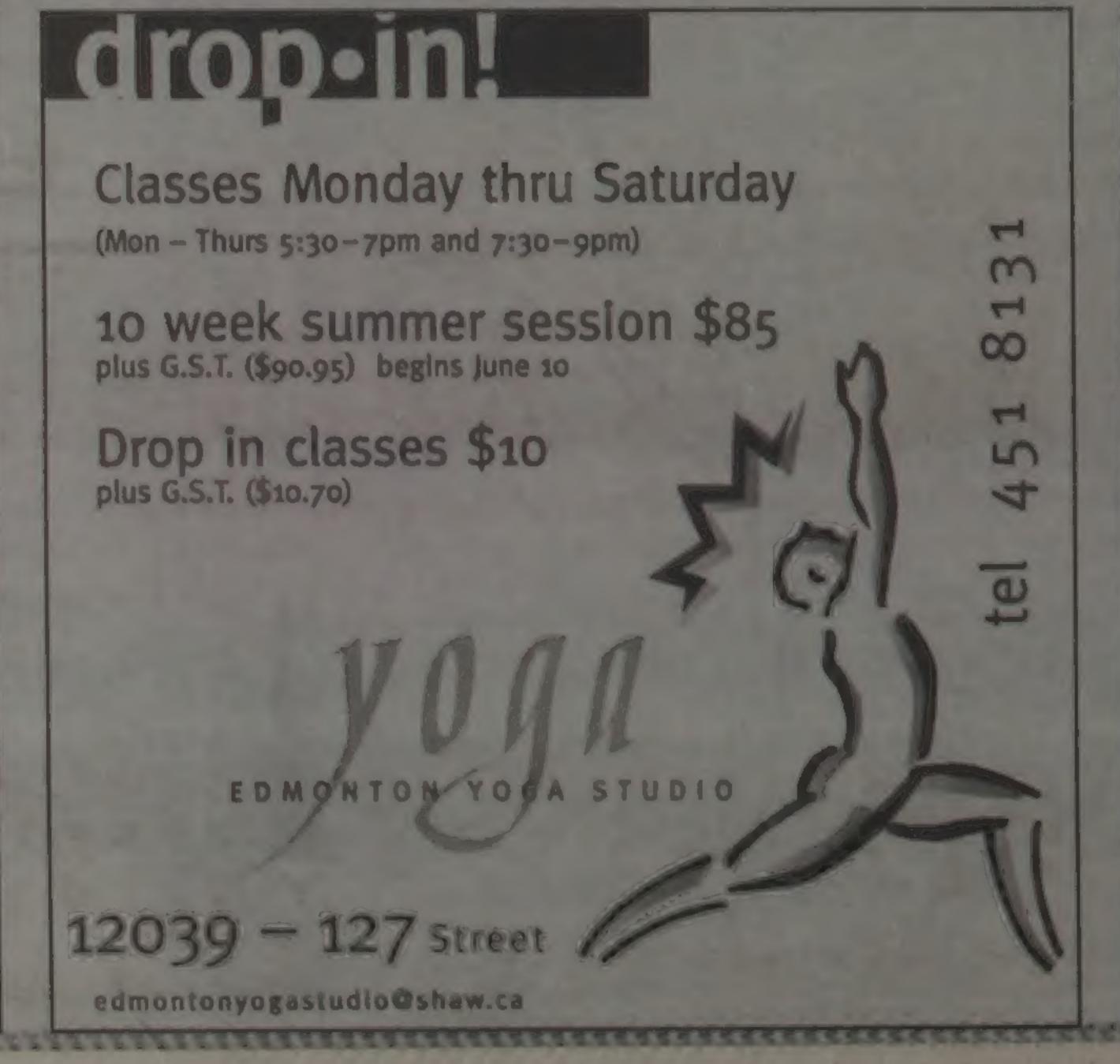
stream media thinks it can crucify Jackson just for his association with gay pom. It all began last month when Jackson publicly accused Sony chairman Tommy Mottola of racism for poorly marketing his last album, Invincible, and blocking the release of Jacko's all-star charity single "What More Can I Give," which the Gloved One hoped would raise \$50 million for the victims of September 11. "What More Can I Give" featured an allstar cast of divas and egos, including Celine Dion, Ricky Martin, Mariah Carey, Gloria Estefan, Reba McEntire, Justin Timberlake and Britney Spears.

As if that line-up weren't gay enough, Jackson made veteran gayporn director and producer F. Marc Schaffel-whom Jackson allegedly befriended through a Beverly Hills dermatologist—the executive producer of his \$3 million charity single.

But after Jackson's attack on Mottola, someone conveniently told the Los Angeles Times that Jackson aides lobbied Sony to drop the charity single. Now you can't read one sentence

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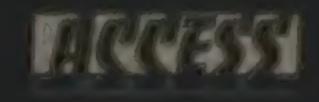


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Around the world in a heady daze

Brian Preston talks about his toked-up global travels in Pot Planet

BY DAN RUBINSTEIN

Okay, he won't say no to a puff if there's a joint being passed around at a party. He might even buy an eighth once in a while. But Preston is not a pothead. He's a middle-aged Canadian writer who latched on to a unique idea. Why not travel around the world seeking out, smoking and talking pot with people in far-flung countries, then write a book about it?

Vancouver's affinity for weed on his résumé, Preston pitched the picaresque book to Grove Press, a New York publisher with a history of battling the censors. (Grove Press has books like Naked Lunch and Lady Chatterley's Lover on its résumé.) The publisher bit and Preston headed for Nepal with a cash advance and assurances they'd try to bail him out if he got busted.

After arriving in Nepal, he started literally living and breathing marijuana: smoking while meeting people, meeting people while smoking, smoking while writing. Two and a half years later, his first book, Pot Planet: Adventures in Global Marijuana Culture, is available over the counter. (It's also available online, but Preston thinks some people in the U.S. are reluctant to order it on the Internet because "there's much more pot paranoia down there—and rightly so.")

standing snide media potshots like "No kidding? I wrote a book?" really liked Nepal and hiking in the which the revamped Saturday Night magazine used as a subhed for a recent article/excerpt by Preston, or the (positive) review on Salon com, at pretending to be eagles. Very nice:

"dude!"—Pot Planet is an engaging, entertaining read. But it's more than a light-hearted and light-headed dope-themed travelogue.

Preston looks into the science of growing and plant genetics, the taste and "trip" concerns of connoisseurs, the politics and economics behind American's War on Drugs, and he details the legalization and medicinal use battles being fought simultaneously on numerous fronts. He also smoked a heli of a lot

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of dope. And although it's difficult to boil down his many discoveries into a single conclusion, Preston makes one concept perfectly clear: pot isn't nearly as dangerous as a lot of people want you to believe.

Dooble scoop

"With this book, I just dove right in," Preston says over the phone from his home in Victoria, where he's moved on to a novel and another nonfiction book project as the small budget "word-of-mouth, grassroots" publicity campaign behind Pot Planet starts heating up. Preston is teiling me how much fun he had getting the scoop on various pro-pot communities, campaigns, organizations and businesses—and hanging out with wake-and-bakers in a dozen different countries.

Other than getting hustled out of a few bucks in the chaotic streets of Morocco and losing his passport to a pickpocket during a ritualistic tug-of-war with an elephant in Cambodia, nothing really bad happened. Like your average marijuana buzz, the trip was pretty smooth. "I really liked Nepal and hiking in the hills with my Nepalese buddies," he responds when asked for a highlight. "Sitting on mountaintops and

Beautiful."

In the countries he checked out-Nepal, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Australia, England, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Spain, Morocco, Canada and the U.S.—Preston was able to gain a certain intimacy with people by sharing the cannabis plant. In Nepal, when he approached five twentysomething guys smoking dope in a park, they pointed out the seedlings sprouting nearby where they flick their seeds. Preston jumped down from the platform they were sitting on for a look, leaving his backpack behind with the strangers—and when he looked back at the Nepalese men, he saw that they noticed his trust. Almost instantly, there was a bond between foreigner and locals that otherwise might never have materialized.

Pot Planet focuses on these sorts of connections between like-minded people from diverse backgrounds, with marijuana acting merely as the subtext. "It couldn't be totally about pot without readers getting bored," says Preston. "Pot just gave me an excuse to get into things much deeper than the average tourist. In many countries, there's an 'us versus them' thing, and once you get in, you're part of the 'us.' As soon as you express your love of pot and are open to people, you're in.

"That's kind of the attitude I tried to keep going," he continues. "And when you throw your lot in with people doing illegal things, you throw your whole lot in.... A lot of it had to do with openness and blindly stumbling around trying to find pot. People tend to know if you're at their mercy, and you have to show you know it, too. You just surrender to it."

A cool grass of milk

While being welcomed into the homes (and headspaces) of strangers

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Canadian bakin'

BY ROSS CROCKFORD

It's a different war, but some things never change. Forty years ago, Americans fled to Canada to avoid fighting in Vietnam. Today, American medical marijuana patients are following in their footsteps, claiming to be political refugees of the U.S. government's war on drugs.

"I'm a member of a class of society they're trying to oppress or wipe out completely," says Renée Boje from her home in Vancouver. Boje is probably the most famous American fugitive in Canada. The U.S. is currently trying to extradite her to face charges for conspiracy to cultivate hundreds of cannabis plants at the Los Angeles home of Todd McCormick, a cancer patient and medical marijuana activist. If convicted, Boje, 32, faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years—a penalty so severe that she's become the poster child for the increasing numbers of U.S. citizens heading north to take advantage of Canada's liberal pot laws. "There are hundreds of Americans here," she says, "because they're being persecuted by their own government."

Many of the refugees are quietly growing and using their own weedthe Vancouver-based Compassion Club, one of a dozen operating across British Columbia, estimates that over 100 of its 2,000 clients are Americans. But others, like Boje, haven't kept such a low profile. Over the past couple of months, several prominent U.S. activists have fled to British Columbia, including Steve Kubby, the Libertarian Party's 1998 candidate for governor of California, and Ken Hayes, who operated the 6th Street Harm Reduction Center in San Francisco. Kubby, who has adrenal cancer, faces a 120-day jail term for drug possession, which he says would kill him. In February—even though he was already in Canada-Hayes was charged with conspiracy to grow more than 1,000 plants and could be sentenced to at least 10 years. Both Hayes and Kubby have for-

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HEALTH

And you thought Popeye cigarettes were bad

VIRGINIA—If the incredible glut of stop-smoking aids on the market today is any indication, people are seemingly willing to try anything to kick the habit. As such, smokers can now choose from a wide variety of alternative nicotine delivery systems. These range from fairly typical tools, like nicotine gums and patches, to the comparatively outré—nicotine water and nicotine lip balm—to the severely misguided.

It's in this last category that we can place Ariva, a controversial "tobacco lozenge" being marketed in the U.S. that has thus far met with staunch opposition. Ariva is a compressed, powdered tobacco product that dissolves in the mouth like a lozenge, and is being sold as a "convenient, taste-acceptable alternative to use in all those environments where smoking is prohibited." Sounds pretty good—and hell, it might even become popular if only it wasn't for the fact that it really, really looks like candy. You know, the kind of candy little kids like.

"Tobacco-laced candy is the ultimate wolf in sheep's clothing," Michigan attorney general Jennifer M. Granhold told the Associated Press. "Adding a little sugar and a pretty wrapper can't disguise the fact that tobacco is a killer." And of course, the whole ordeal starts sounding pretty suspicious when you find out that this candy-like "stop-smoking aid" is being produced by Star Scientific, a Virginia cigarette company.

Nonetheless, Star Scientific put on their best "I'm shocked" expressions when the allegations became public. Paul Perito, Star president and COO, steadfastly denied that Ariva is a candy, and offered that the company prefers the term "cigalett," as if it were of any importance what they called it. He then added that the FDA can go to hell (not in so many words, of course), seeing as Ariva is neither a food nor a drug and therefore out of their jurisdiction.

And they're totally right. Currently, the FDA regulates such products as the patch and the gum, which are both made by pharmaceutical companies. They can't touch Ariva due to a pesky Supreme Court ruling that states the FDA "has no authority over tobacco products." As such, Ariva production will continue and there are plans to market the "cigalett" in Canada. Who knows? An Ariva or two might prove valuable in soothing your kids' unsteady nerves after a Saturday morning of eating too much Captain Crunch. — Case Bounts



DRUGS

Dude, where's my czar?

WASHINGTON—All this talk about the relaxation of marijuana laws in Canada and in Britain has our neighbours to the south in quite a twitter. Asa Hutchinson, the head of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (or, to use the more head-line-grabbing title, "drug czar"), is worried that if Canada takes a lax policy towards the possession of marijuana, there will be major implications in the U.S.

"If you have lax marijuana policies right across the border... that Invites U.S. citizens into Canada for marijuana use and that will increase the likelihood that both U.S. and Canadian citizens will bring back marijuana across the border for distribution and sale," Hutchinson said in an interview. He was also worried that Americans would openly and honestly debate Bush's drug policy if Canada took a relaxed attitude. And that, Hutchinson said, "is a distraction from a firm policy on drug use."

To get an idea of where the United States stands on marijuana possession, you need only look at the recent corporate scandals. Enron, WorldCom, Arthur Anderson and various other corporate scandals/frauds have resulted in billions of dollars lost, thousands of jobs eliminated and pension plans wiped clean. According to the Wall Street Journal, the following exchange took place between U.S. Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill and President Bush.

O'Neill: "A kid who gets caught with a half a gram of marijuana can serve more time than an executive who loses tens of thousands of jobs."

Bush: "You're right."

Bush has promised to get tough on corporate swindlers, but it's highly unlikely that he'll relax laws that are filling jails with a bunch of harmless kids who's only crime is to fry a few of their own brain cells. But on a more positive

front, a lax policy on marijuana posses-

sion can-only be good for Canadian

tourism as millions of Americans dash across our borders looking for a nice place to smoke up. —WAYNE ARTHURSON

SOCIAL ISSUES

Papal get ready

TORONTO—To celebrate this week's visit of Pope John Paul II to Toronto for World Youth Day, the city of Toronto is engaged in a clean-up operation. But it's not those unsightly piles of garbage from the recent municipal strike they're shovelling out of the way; poverty advocates are accusing the Toronto police of engaging in a "street-sweeping" campaign to rid the streets of the homeless.

"There's an incredible irony: you've got a situation where the Pope's visit is being used to persecute the poor," said John Clarke, spokesman for the Ontario Coalition Against Poverty. "It happens for the tourist season and if there's ever any big event... the process of social cleansing goes into gear." As a way of drawing attention to the homelessness problem, the coalition has planned a "Pope Squat" next week, where activists will take over an empty building and demand it be turned into affordable housing.

Toronto police deny a street-sweep is going on and say only regular medical checks are being conducted. They also point to a barbecue they held for the homeless last week.

But Mayor Mel Lastman tells a different story. During a press conference last week, he told reporters that he'd like to see the homeless off the streets until the Pope and the thousands of young Catholics left town. "I'd like to, yeah, I'd like to," he said. "I'd like to have a place to put them and if they don't go, then try and do something. I don't think it's good for tourism; I don't think it's good for the city. I don't think it's good for the city. I don't think it's good for anybody to have people just lying around sleeping on the streets."

Lastman's spin doctors later said that what the mayor really meant was that he wants more affordable housing build for the homeless; saying that "There's been no stronger advocate for the homeless in the City of Toronto than the mayor," a spokesman for the mayor's office said. —WAYNE ARTHURSON

FOOD

Binge and purge?

LOS ANGELES—There's an old political scientists' joke about Communism, Socialism and Capitalism planning a gettogether, only to have Socialism arrive half an hour late. "Sorry, comrades," he says, huffing and puffing at the door. "I had to get some sausage for dinner, and there was a long line. "What's a line?" asks Capitalism, to which Communism adds, "What's sausage?"

Communism's question was answered a couple of weekends ago in Los Angeles as "Stalinskaya Brand Smoked Sausage"—that's right, a pork sausage named after genocidal, totalitarian Soviet dictator Joseph Stalinappeared on the shelves of area Russian delicatessens and markets. Reports are unclear as to whether Stalin's image actually appears on the label, but regardless, as you might expect, the notion of naming a food product after perhaps the greatest anti-Semite of the 20th century has been greeted with horror, outrage and outright bafflement by Jewish organizations. "Stalin killed more people than Hitler," Si Frumkin of the Southern California Council for Soviet Jews fulminated to Reuters. "I asked one of the merchants, Would you sell a Hitler sausage?' You would not sell a Ho Chi Minh salad in Little Saigon. You would not sell a Castro salad in Miami, It is unthinkable, unconscionable." Plans are underway to organize

boycotts and protests to pressure L.A.
merchants to stop selling the sausage;
meanwhile, New York's M&I International Foods, which manufactures the
product, has made no official comment to the press. Perhaps they're simply too busy scuttling their plans to
launch a complementary line of BabaYar-bedue sauce. —Paul Marwychuk

AVUEpoint

BY CHRIS BOUTET

A Hague sense of uneasiness

Okay, everybody, get your American Foreign Policy scorecards out and add one more country to the United States' ever-burgeoning list of enemies: the Netherlands. Yes, that's right; the Bush administration has told Holland that they will use all force necessary to "liberate" American troops that are being held at the Hague on behalf of the United Nation's recently-ratified International Crime Court (ICC).

The ICC was born from the Rome Statute of 1998, which was signed by 140 countries, including the United States. It's a permanent judicial institution that will operate under the control of the UN and provide an international forum for countries to fairly try any person, military or government that is known to be engaging in "the most serious crimes of international concern." This, naturally, has the far-from-angelic American government sweating bullets.

After failing in an attempt to "unsign" themselves from the agreement back in May, the U.S. government has returned with a new version of an old legislation called the American Servicemen Protection Act (or the "Hague Invasion Act," depending on which country you're from) stating that U.S. troops are above all international persecution, regardless of evidence, and any attempt by the ICC to bring Americans to court at the Hague in Holland will result in a good old American-style shitstorm. You heard right: military action against not just a neutral country, but the UN as well.

Why would the United States, that bastion of freedom, democracy and justice, be so opposed to a world court with a mandate to prosecute war criminals? The fact of the matter is the American government wouldn't last a week in a war crimes tribunal. There's a line around the block of countries foaming at the mouth to seek retribution for the injustices of the American colossus and its buddies. Already, Belgium is preparing to indict Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon for what it considers a campaign of genocide against the Palestinian people. If Sharon were to be found guilty of the charges, you can bet that the Bush administration would go down in flames with him. It's what they call "bad PR" to have been a major supporter and ally of a genocidal government.

For years, the U.S. government has literally gotten away with murder by covering up the evidence of their actions. Now, with their backs against the wall and the admission of guilt seemingly out of the question, the only option left is to pass laws guaranteeing the use of brutal force to ensure that Americans are above the law, that the rules of global government only apply to them when it's convenient. Sadly, the Hague Invasion Act may turn out to be the worst PR of all.

Pot Planet

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makes for compelling copy, the politics and economics Preston explores are equally fascinating. Much of this material is anecdotal; in the Himalayan foothills of Nepal, for example, peasants grow cannabis as an appetite enhancer for cows-a stark, sustainable contrast to our modern chemical and biotech farming methods. In Switzerland, it's

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legal to sell, buy and possess potyou just aren't allowed to smoke it. Other anecdotes are a tad more troubling: in England, contemplating the notion that marijuana is a "gateway" to harder drugs, Preston encounters a study revealing that there's a link between getting busted for pot and more dangerous drugs like heroin and cocaine. "I met people in England who had never seen heroin until they were in jail for pot," he says.

Details like this help propel Preston towards his investigation of American and, by extension, global marijuana policies. Farmers in sever-

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al developing countries have historically relied on cannabis cultivation to feed their families, but when the U.S. gave their governments millions of dollars to make pot illegal, it just created an underground, criminal market, inconveniencing impoverished farmers and driving up the price. In the U.S., where the massive law enforcement infrastructure swollen by booze prohibition shifted its focus to pot decades ago, the self-perpetuating fight against marijuana is responsible, to a large

extent, for thousands of government and police jobs and millions of dollars in funding.

Throw in Ronald Reagan's blunt determination that there's zero difference between hard and soft drugs, ongoing hypocrisy with alcohol and cigarettes being legal while pot is banned, plus a political climate in the U.S. in which any politician who appears "soft" on drugs can jeopardize his or her career... stir it all together and you get a status quo that sends otherwise law-abiding, taxpaying citizens to jail and ignores the potential benefits of a naturally-growing organism. "It's very hard for governments to back up on this sort of thing," Preston rationalizes. "They can't say, 'Oh, we were wrong and we've thrown a lot of inno-

cent people in jail for 20 years." Even prison guards like pot, he reports: not only does it drum up business for the prison-industrial complex, but dope smokers tend to be docile inmates.

A relaxed attitude towards drugs

Preston patiently heeds a longwinded question of mine about (a) John Raiston Saul's observation that uncertainty is what makes us human, and (b) marijuana having the ability to stimulate un-empirical thinking, an openness to new ideas

and, therefore, uncertainty. As far back as the 1950s, Preston says, pot was demonized by American politicians because it contradicted their nation's nose-to-the-grindstone work ethic. "On an economic level," he says, "when you look at what globalization is all about, everyone has to work harder and it's the triumph of capitalism. Marijuana is the triumph of relaxing. It's not about the dominant ideology of the world at the moment. As a matter of fact, it's opposed to it. It's about slowing down and reflecting about things."

Let me repeat, here, my introductory disclaimer: Preston is not a pothead. He's simply a libertarian who believes in personal responsibility and feels no addictive physical or mental aftermath to months of regular consumption. "The plant was a great pleasure for me at the time," he says about getting lost in the haze of Pot Planet, which he considers his now-completed "duty" to the pot world. "But I put pot in perspective, which was kind of the point of the book."

Preston makes a myriad of other points, too. He admires Dutch-style marijuana decriminalization, for instance, because it flies in the face of American anti-drug dogma, even though the Dutch are tired of American frat boys coming over to party and barfing in their canals. (In the Netherlands, curiously, pot usage rates are lower than in the U.S.) Preston also believes in the medicinal benefits of the plant, although he says giving the green light to medical use could create a new bureaucracy and mega-industry as big drug corporations start circling like sharks.

We need another Stone(d)wall

Regardless, Preston says more pot smokers need to stand up and be counted, like gays and lesbians did when they came out of their closet en masse and fought for their rights. He thinks it's a shame that North American laws tend to penalize the poor kids caught with little baggies and seldom touch the middle-class

white guys who can afford lawyers. He thinks it's a bigger shame that the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency has set up an office in Vancouver and continues to exert heavy pressure on Canadian politicians and police, even though the Supreme Court of Canada this fall will listen to discussions about recreational marijuana use rooted in philosopher John Stuart Mill's concept that the individual is sovereign over his own person.

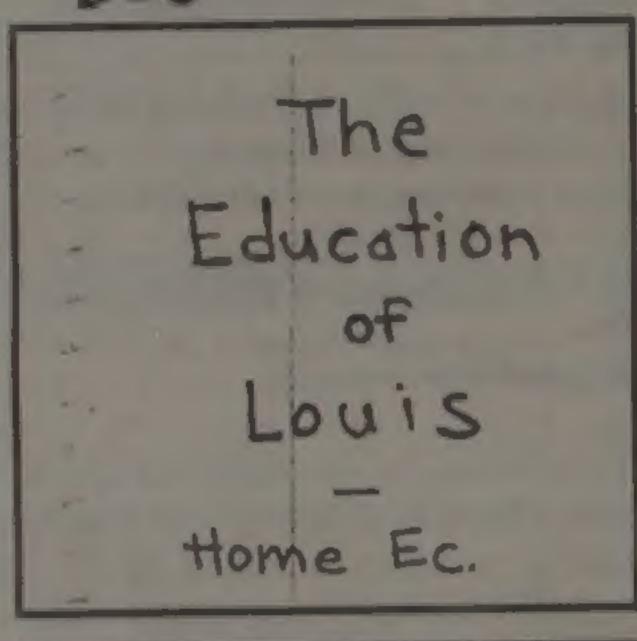
Ultimately, however, Preston does not endorse smoking your brains out and losing touch with the world. He's for more meaningful toking. As he writes on the last page of the book, peace-lovers and funseekers should get out there and greet their foreign counterparts. "Roll one up and find the shared pleasure of the smoky communion," he advises. "Then roll another one up for me." O

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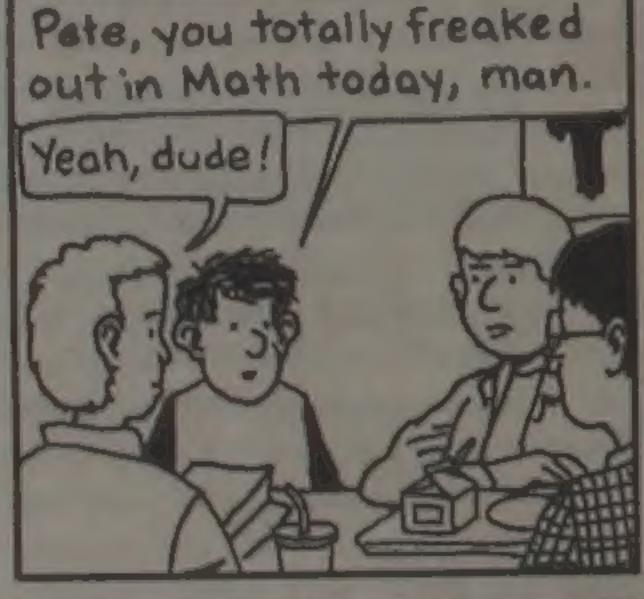
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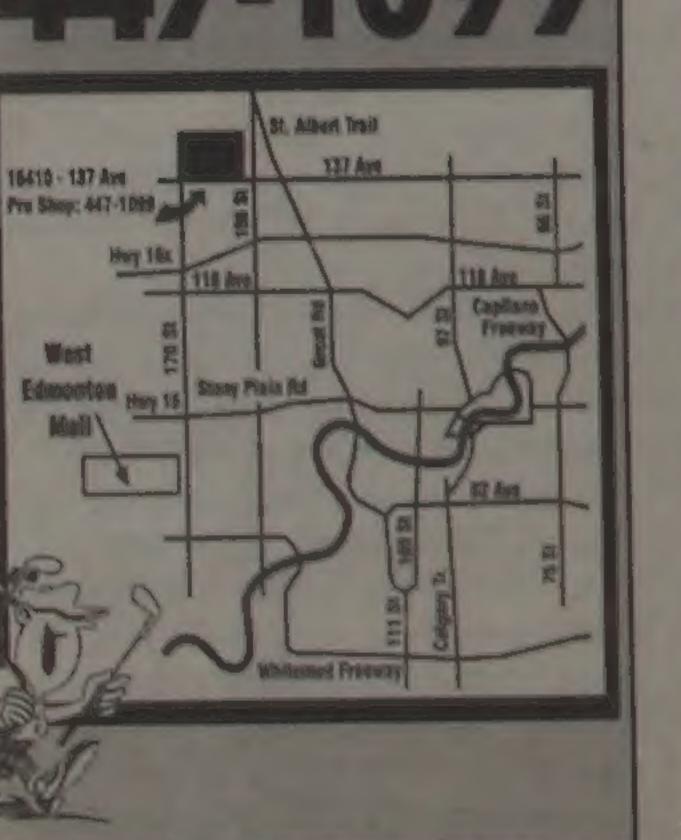






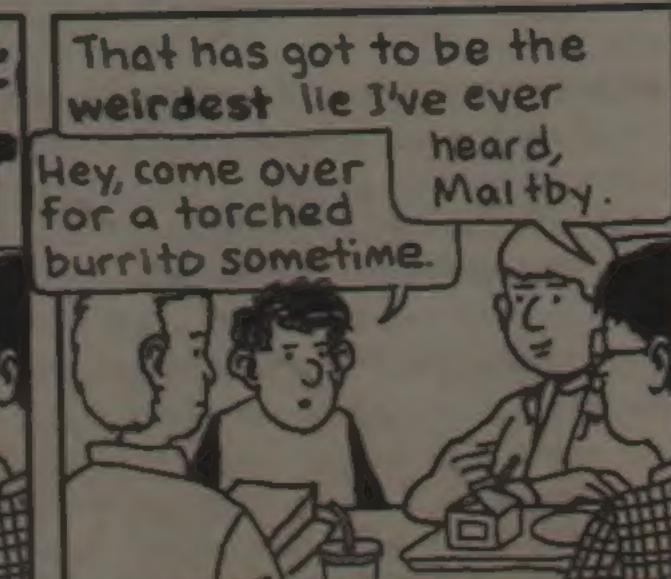














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with Jackson's name in it without also reading the words "gay porn."

"I believe this charity single could still generate lots of money to help those in need," Schaffel told the Times on July 13. "Why shouldn't it come out? Because of something I did in the past? I mean, this is an industry in which rock stars date porno queens. Adult film doesn't have the same stigma it used to. So really, what's their excuse?"

That's what I wanted to know. So I called up David Forest, the Los Angelesbased grandfather of "talent management" in the billion-dollar gay pom biz. Forest has seen it all, from the inside of a prison (in the mid-'90s he served 19 months for "pandering"—which basically boils down to pimping escort-style) to managing such, uh, big pom stars as the legendary Ken Ryker and Ryan Idol, to up-and-cumming studmuffins Billy Brandt and Tony Cummings.

I told Forest that the well-timed media leak and subsequent coverage of Jackson's latest scandal reeks of homophobia because the players involved all seem to expect a homophobic backlash—especially Jackson, who has suddenly retreated.

"You're picking up on what you think is the obvious," Forest tells me. "I honestly think they don't like Michael's [executive] producer. Fred [Schaffel] has always been a bit of a shady character. What I'd like to know is how the hell Michael got to know him. Schaffel is really famous for finding all the boys, for scouting, and he's famous for shooting great porn. That's

all I'm going to tell you about him."

Still, I insist, most straight folks just can't seem to wrap their heads around gay porn. "And that's just ridiculous," Forest says. "Porn is bigger than it ever was before. More people are buying and selling triple-X for both gay and straight people. It's a huge, humongous business and people are now realizing it isn't a black market back-alley business. There are now huge studios like Falcon."

Forest's talent management company now offers a Meet the Stars program which, Forest points out, "is not an escort service—it's a connection service. I charge a flat fee for the introduction and that's it. I don't know what they do, I don't care and I don't want to hear about it."

Jackson, meanwhile, has gone into crisis-management mode, pathetically trying to salvage a ruined career that went down the toilet a decade ago. I'm feeling less and less sorry for Jackson, though, who played the same game in 1984, except back then the Gloved One was more the perpetrator, holding a press conference to refute allegations he's a faggot. Rumours he was gay, he announced, were a "terrible slander."

"There does not seem to be any precedent for a celebrity going to such lengths to proclaim his or her heterosexuality," the Los Angeles Times later opined, as if getting married and having kids in Hollywood weren't a precedent.

But at the end of the day, then as now, the only real winners in this Hollywood chess match are the heterosexual players. If you're a faggot, your life is reduced to sex. Gay life, in other words, is nothing but gay porn. "But gay life is a beautiful thing," Forest says. "And so is gay porn." O

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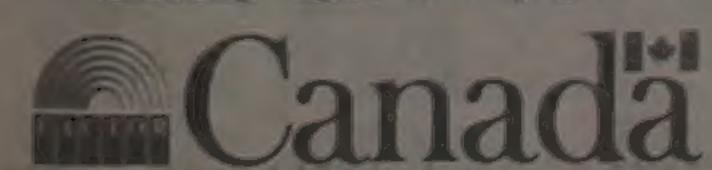
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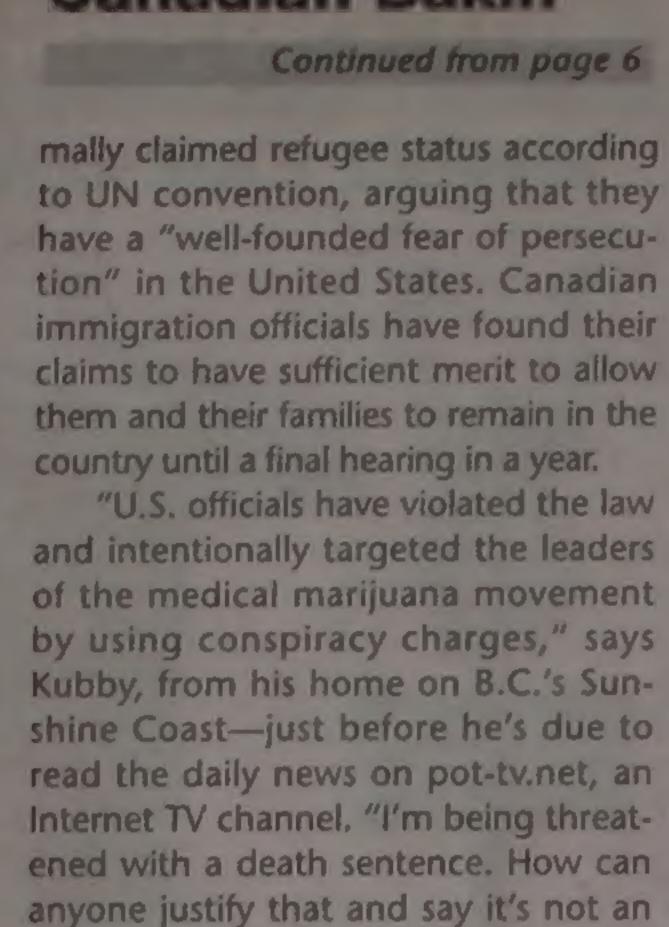
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attempt to persecute me?" Public statements like this have already won the refugees plenty of attention from Canadian news media and American officials as well. "Providing sanctuary to some of these people who see Canada as an easy place to escape the long leash of U.S. law enforcement is dangerous," said Robert Maginnis, a White House drug policy advisor, in a recent TV interview with Global. "I would hope that the Canadian government would see fit to send them back to the U.S. so they can face charges, because we have, just like you do, a sovereign right over our citizens to enforce the laws of our land."

The exodus is partly a result of the vast difference between how medical marijuana laws are applied in Canada and the U.S. Although California voters passed Proposition 215 in 1996, creating

a Compassionate Use Act, for the past two years the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency has used federal law to raid and prosecute medical marijuana clubs across the state. In May last year, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the DEA's actions, ruling that "marijuana has no medical benefits," and this June the U.S. government obtained an injunction shutting down the few remaining California clubs for good. The Canadian federal government, on the other hand, has granted permits to possess or grow marijuana to more than 800 Canadians who suffer from AIDS, cancer or multiple sclerosis. And Canadian courts, which are not bound by mandatory minimums, tend to be lenient on those who don't have permits. For example, last month the B.C. Supreme Court stayed charges against a Vancouver man caught with 96 plants because he has AIDS and hepatitis; a few days later, the same court granted an "absolute discharge" (i.e., no jail, fine or criminal record) to the director of a compassion club who pleaded guilty to possession of five pounds of marijuana.

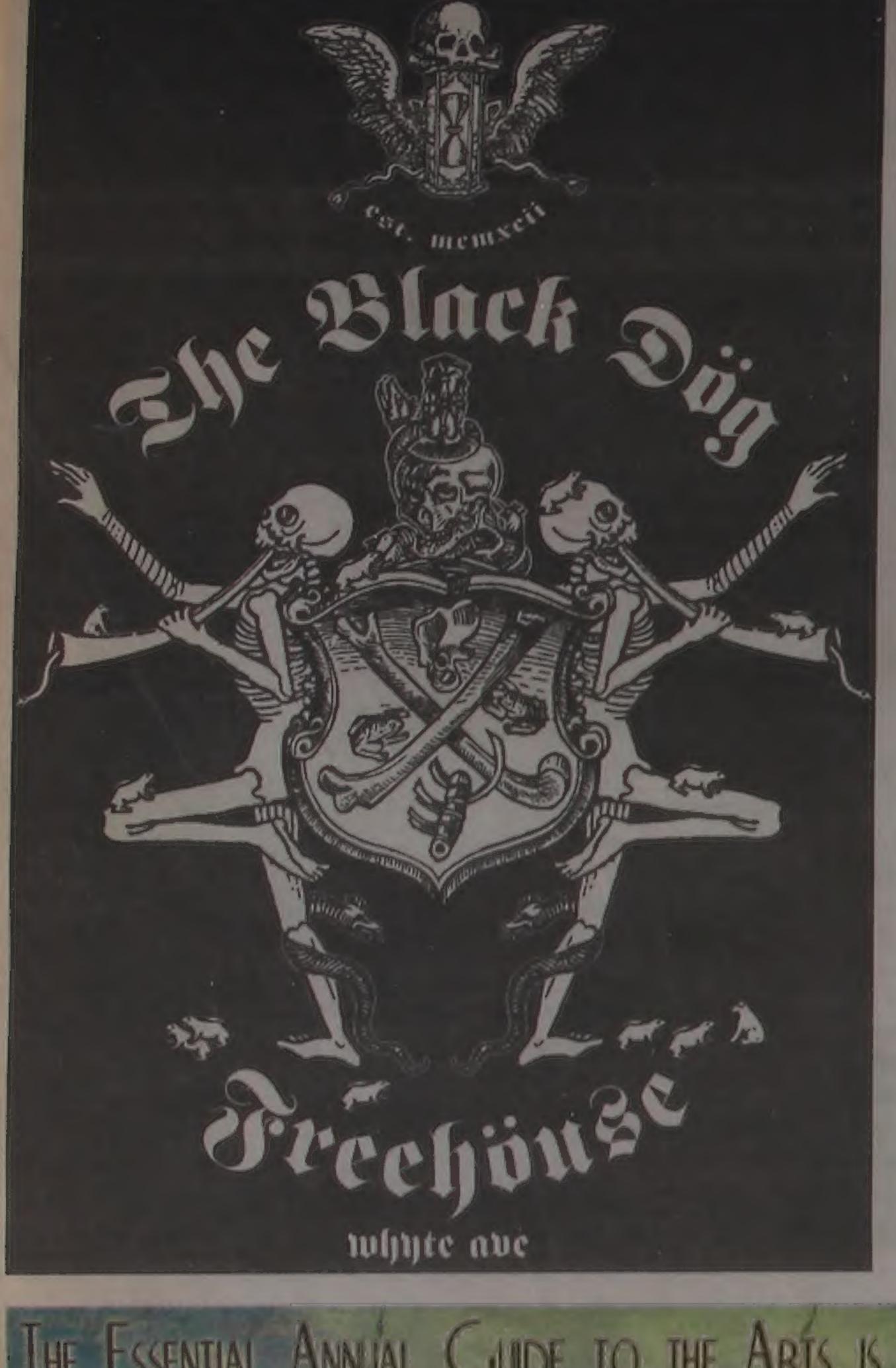
Alex Stojicevic, the Vancouver lawyer representing Hayes, Kubby and several other American refugee claimants, says it's "nothing new" for U.S. citizens to flee to Canada to avoid drug charges. What's new is the accelerated crackdown on medical marijuana ever since the Bush administration took office. His clients' argument, he says, is that they're being persecuted for holding a political opinion shared by a majority of California voters but not by the feds. "Since Mr. Ashcroft became attorney-general and Mr. Bush the president, the view is that things are going to get worse," says Stojicevic. "That's what's fueling this."

Stojicevic admits that many of his

clients are not likely to win refugee status because Canadian courts have consistently held that "the United States is still a country where the rule of law applies, and the real forum for complaining about these things is there, not here." However, a few Americans might be allowed to stay for other reasons. Earlier this year, Renée Boje married a Canadian, and they now have a four-month-old son. Stojicevic also notes that Boje's case is unique. While the other Americans will simply be ordered to leave Canada if their claims of persecution fail, the final decision to extradite Boje is up to Canada's minister of justice. He may consider (according to Canadian law) it "unjust and oppressive" to send a young mother to 10 years in prison for watering some plants.

Unfortunately, the U.S. activists have made a difficult situation even harder for themselves. In April, after one of them showed reporters marijuana he was cultivating, neighbours complained and the Mounties arrested Kubby, Hayes and several others. (Hayes also says a DEA agent based in Vancouver tried to intimidate him into returning "voluntarily" to the U.S.) They were released only after Marc Emery, the leader of the B.C. Marijuana Party and the owner of pot-tv.net and a giant marijuana seed bank, put up \$5,000 bail. If convicted of cultivation and possession charges, each of the Americans could be ordered to leave Canada before the final hearings of their refugee claims.

The refugees are unrepentant. "I don't want to go back to the United States," says Ken Hayes. "The people who are still there fighting are doing a noble thing... but it's inevitable that wherever there's liberty, that's where people will seek to be."





The schoolboys of summer

Summer classes are an increasingly popular option for high school students

BY SHAUNA KOZAK

the sun is shining and the last day of school has finally arrived but, as many students gear up to spend a couple months basking in the Alberta sun, some are getting ready to catch what rays they can from the glow of fluorescent lighting.

Why are these kids choosing to sacrifice a well-earned tan for the sake of a better education? Accord-

ing to Ross Meek, department head of student services at M. E. LaZerte

Composite High School, the answer lies in the school curriculum. "The classes these kids are required to take have changed a great deal in the past few years," Meek explains. "Once kids hit Grade 10 they no longer have Math 10, 13 or 14 to choose from. Now, there is Math 10 Pure and Math 10 Applied. These two classes are head and shoulders more difficult than they used to be. Also, Science 10 rolls the old Biology 10, Chemistry 10 and Physics 10 courses into one. These, combined with the other demands in Grade 10, make for a very difficult year. Summer school has become a way for the students to get ahead of the game."

And while Grade 10 can prove to be a tough year, things only get more challenging as the students progress through high school. Hitting the books over

the summer months is no longer just for those who find themselves on the losing end of a report card. "Summer school has become a real trend," Meek says "Last year was the first time we offered classes in the summer here at M. E. LaZerte and we have seen our numbers double this year to approximately 500 students. It is amazing."

Richer marks

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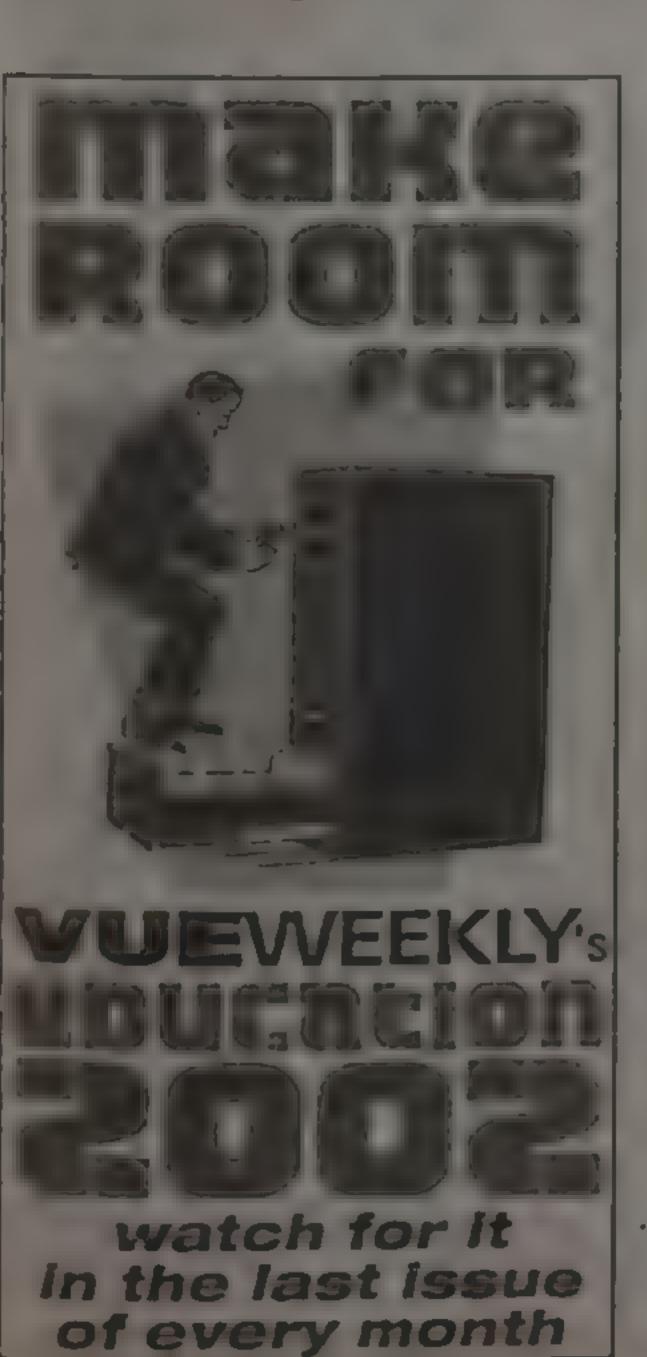
While some students still use summer school as an opportunity to improve their marks in certain subject areas, many see it as a chance to plan for the year ahead. Classes like CALM and Phys Ed are gaining popularity during the summer months, Meek says,

> because they can be completed in two weeks. In many ways, sum-

mer school has become more proactive than reactive. Instead of using it to solve the problem of a failing grade, it has become a tool to use to map out a successful high school career.

"Students try to get these kind of classes out of the way so they can have more time to focus in their core courses during the school year. Some also use this time to get one of their diploma courses done and out of the way so they have a lighter year."

Despite the realities of a demanding workload from September to June, Meek say it is nevertheless important for students to take some time over the summer to unwind and have a little fun. "These kids are required to work very hard during the year and summer is the time they need to recharge their batteries. This is very important as well." O







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Your mind is on vacation

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BY JULIANN WILDING

that Edmonton isn't exactly a resort town and there aren't any beaches to stroll down to where you we show off our hip summer vacationwear. Discouraging, yes, I realize, especially when faced with week after week of 30-degree weather. After sweating it out at work all

day, relaxing somewhere is the first thing on most of our minds. But nei-

ther Edmonton's lack of beaches nor the fact that we work most of the week away means we can't still dress like we're on an endless vacation.

During a summer this fleeting, we don't want to sell ourselves (or our closets) short: we really have to pull out all the stops, including adding some exotic flavor to our city-bound wardrobes. Something bright and funky once in a while or something with an unusual ethnic pattern rather than our usual blacks and denims can add a little vibrancy to our humdrum lives. As long as it's not a godawful Hawaiian print, that is. Wearers of this cheesy shit should all be shipped to some remote island where they can hang out and listen to bad house music and talk

about the gym and "hot chicks" and all be macho dorks together and keep their kitschy-patterned asses away from us. Okay? Thanks, guys.

Dressing as though you're going to the beach (even though we all know you're going to Mill Creek Pool) can be fun as well. You know, throw some light, flowy sundress or summer robe over the hot bikini you bought last week, add some funky sandals and big-ass shades, and you're ready at least to walk the walk. Private pools are great for pseudovacationers; that way, you and

your pals can lounge with strong drinks and

good tunes, as difficult as they may be for the average Edmontonian to come by. But we can't let our geographic shortcomings dictate our summer wardrobes; relaxing and feeling hot (I mean, hot hot) is an important part of summer.

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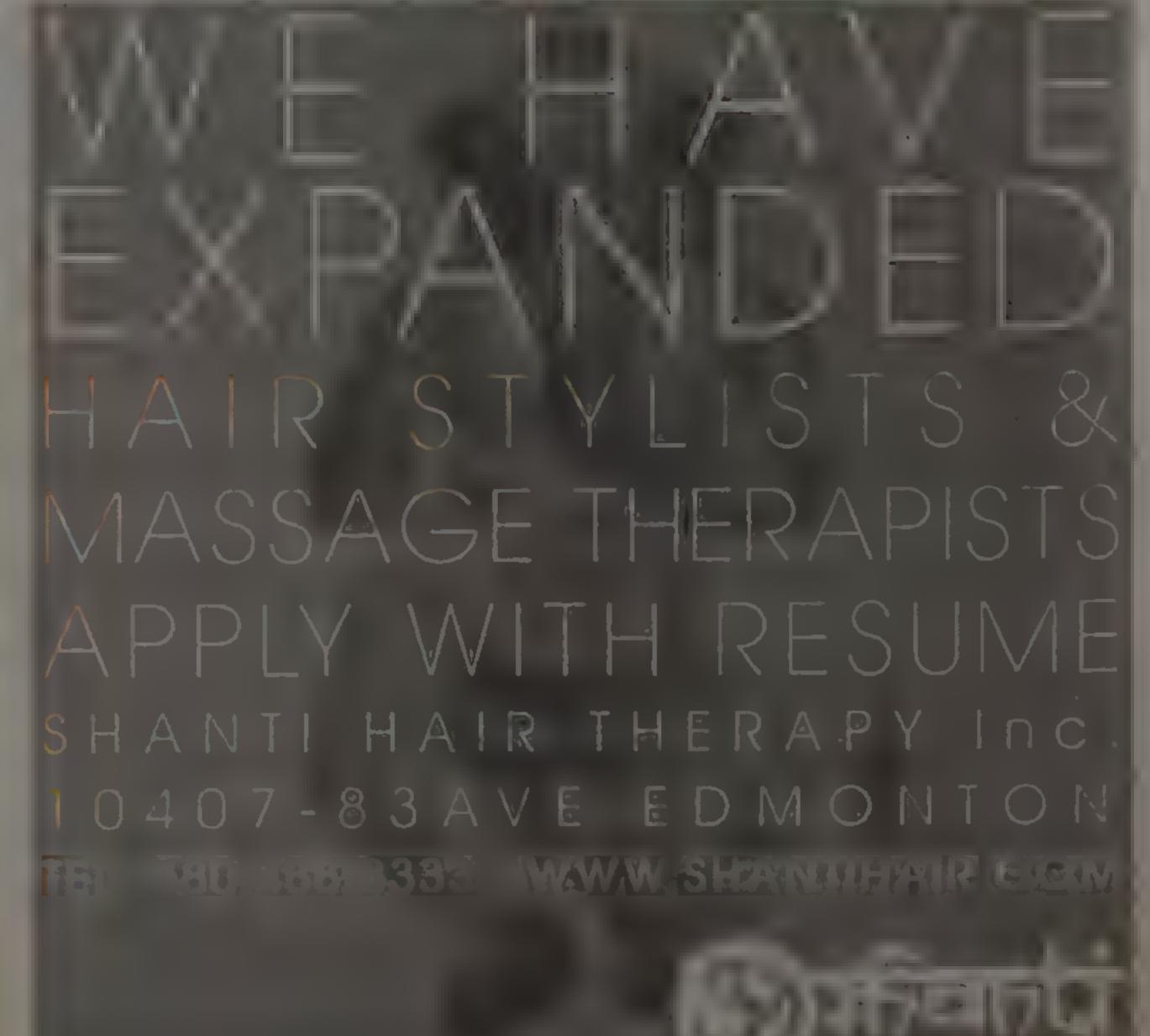
Ines have come out with bright, interesting patterns and themes lifted from different cultures and countries—our shrinking planet has made it a lot easier for designers to "borrow" details they see while they're on vacation somewhere—so there are items out there that will make your summer daydreams a little more

tangible. Maybe you can't be on an African safari this year, but that doesn't mean you have to look like you're spending your vacation at the mall. O

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Mind, Body & Soul

BY SIBYLLE PREUSCHAT

Noni baloney?

You wouldn't think people would be rushing out to buy the pressings of a foul-tasting fruit whose price tag is staggering. But that's exactly what's happening with noni, the juice of a South Pacific plant (scientific name: Morinda citrifolia) that's being heavily marketed in the West by people who suggest that regular intake will lead to improved health and imperviousness to disease. But before you plunk down up to \$80 a litre for a swig of the juice, which is often mixed with other juices to mask its, er, offbeat taste, you should know that traditional Hawaiian herbalists are divided over its use.

The most renowned of these, the recently deceased Papa Henry Auwae, whose herbal repertoire included roughly 2,500 plants, considered all parts of the noni tree to be potentially toxic and refused to let his patients use it.

It's true that, as with other fruit puices, squeezed noni does provide antioxidants and appears to have immune stimulant properties, which explains the buzz around noni as a cancer-preventative agent. However, at this stage only animal studies—and a small number at that—have been done. One tested a brand of noni juice that's mixed with other juices, including the wonderfully antioxidizing grape and blueberry, so it's hard to know if the

Canada's Health Protection Branch has received consumer reports of side effects from noni juice, including rashes, tightness in the throat, dizziness, vomiting and difficulty breathing. While it wasn't possible to nail down noni as the culprit in these instances, the symptoms are consistent with allergic reactions.

You might consider sticking with cheaper juices that are known to be safe health enhancers—orange or grape, for instance—until more research is done.

Here are some comments from a variety of experts on the putative healthfulness of the mysterious noni:

"[Our experiments show that]
noni juice has anti-tumour activity at
the animal level; I don't know whether
it does in humans, but any agent that
works at the animal level can be
expected to have some kind of similar
activity in humans. But it's an expectation only. Noni juice is a health

food, not a drug.

put on human cell cul-

tures or animal cell cultures, it shows no cytotoxicity. It cannot harm a tumour at all. Instead, it enhances the immune system."—Elichi Furusawa, Professor of Pharmacology, University of Hawaii School of Medicine

"Papa Henry Auwae is a renowned Hawaiian master medicinal herbalist. He died on December 31, 2000 at the age of 94. He taught us as his great-great-grandmother taught him, not to use noni as it is toxic. He chose not to treat anyone who continued to us it."

—BABETTE GALANG, HAUMANA (STUDENT)

OF PAPA HENRY AUWAE

"In some animal studies, noni juice has been shown to enhance the immune system and to have an analgesic effect. It's an anti-inflammatory, and the fruit has anti-fungal and antibacterial effects. We are funding a human clinical trial right now on the effect of Tahitian Noni [a brand name] on the formation of cancer adducts [damaged DNA cells associated with increased risk of cancer]. We've done acute toxicity studies, subchronic toxicity studies and allergenicity studies We haven't released these to the public. There are many competing noni companies out there; if we were to publish, they could use the information to their advantage." - JARAKAE JENSEN, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND BRETT WEST, RESEARCH CHEMIST AND TOXI-COLOGIST FOR UTAH-BASED MORINDA INCORPORATED, MANUFACTURERS OF TAHIT-IAN NONE JUICE

"Noni juice is not something people should spend their money on if they're serious about their health. It's a fad, and it's being put out as a panacea. Where I see a problem is in the indoctrination that you should use it every day for the rest of your life. Even with herbs, people shift and change, and the usefulness of a particularly fabulous remedy can decline because there's no longer a need for it and it can start to set up imbalances." —Marion Marshall, MED-ICAL HERBALIST

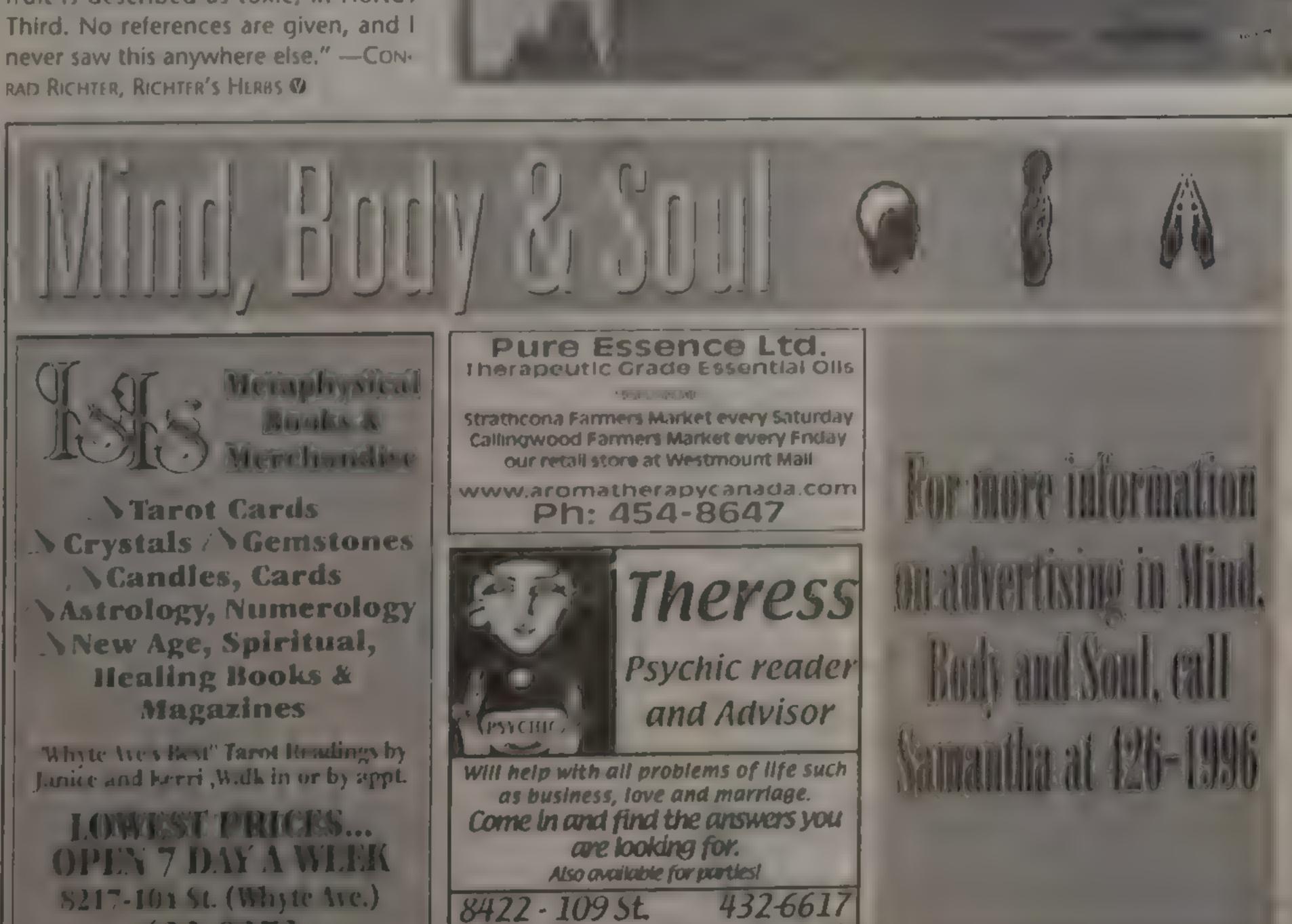
Auwae for four years. Papa says that his great-great-grandmother warned him about noni. It was used in those days primarily as a survival fruit. That was the only use he considered appropriate for noni. In his career, he said he found a lot of damage caused by noni."—ROBERT SMITH, Ph.D. IN PHYSIOLOGY, PRESIDENT OF THE TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICAL COLLEGE OF HAWAII

"Noni leaves and roots have medicinal properties. There is a literature that goes back at least a hundred years for noni's use in diabetes and hypertension. I only remember encountering one place where nonifruit is described as toxic, in Hortus Third. No references are given, and I never saw this anywhere else." —Con-

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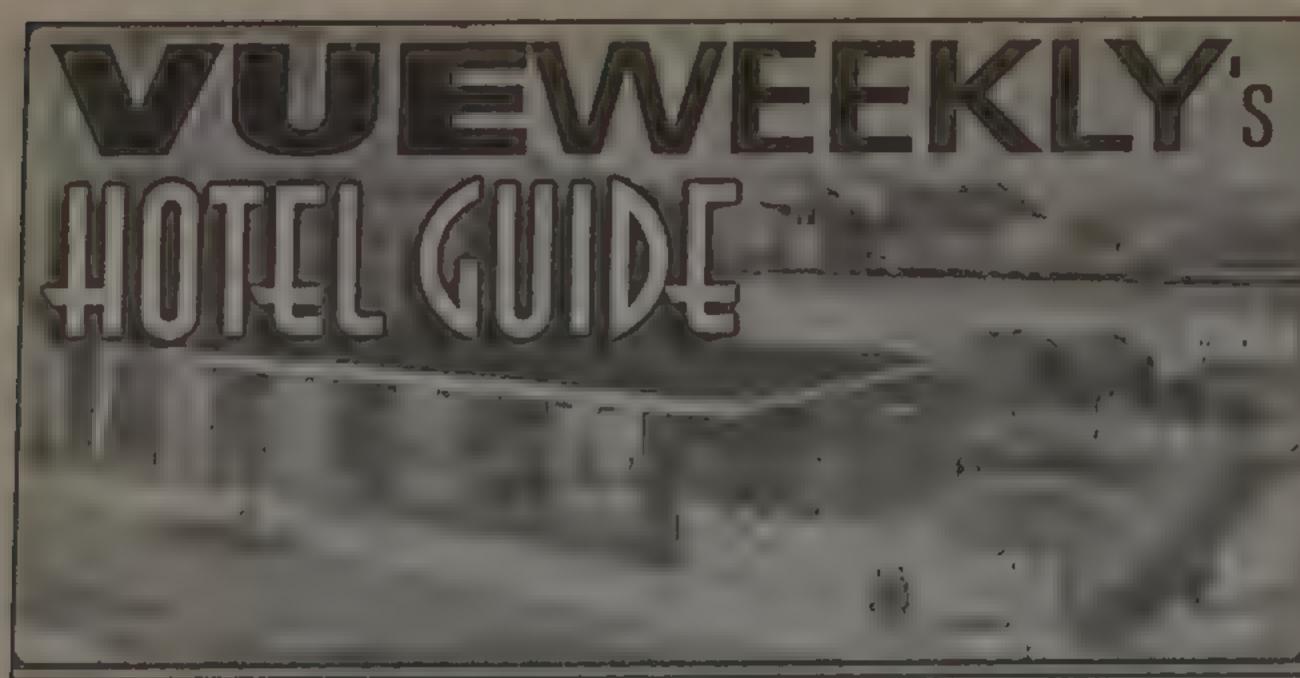






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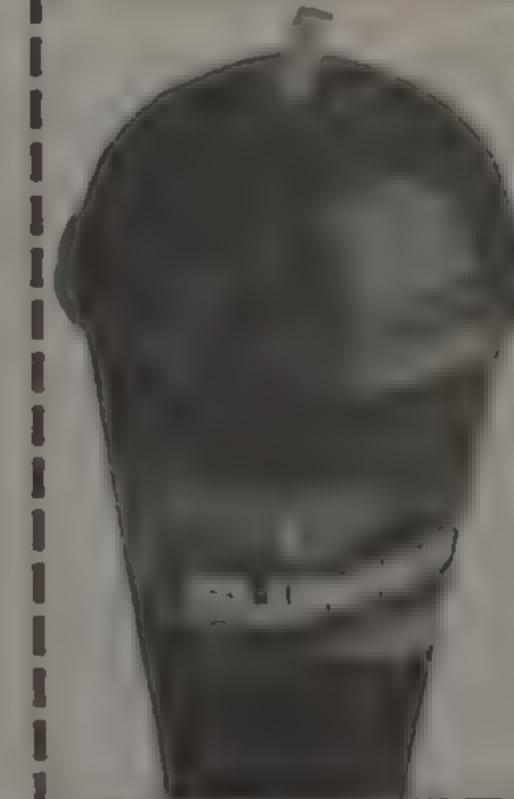
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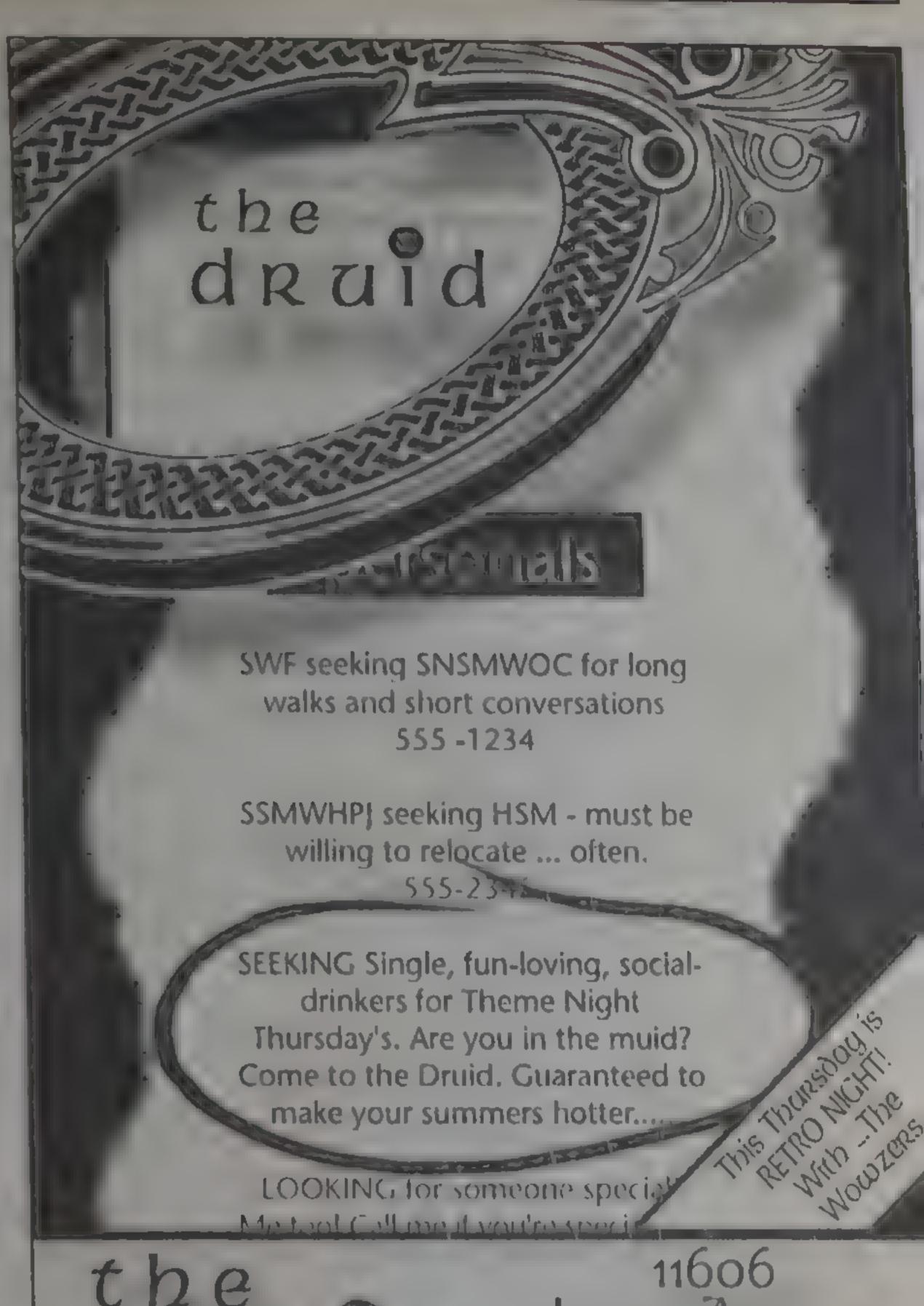
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Taste not, want not

Vue's food columnist stuffs himself in stages at Taste of Edmonton

BY DAVID DICENZO

this year's Taste of Edmonton had me thinking of the South Park movie-blgger, longer and uncut. This was my first visit in a couple of summers and I was glad to hear that the event will run the duration of Klondike Days, giving folks extra time to make the trip down and sample the fare. There also appeared to be a greater number of participating stands. As for the uncut part... well, the sight of two loaded, scantily-clad individuals dancing in their own separate worlds (to a Rod Stewart track, no less) definitely required parental discretion in my books.

But myself and the hundreds (if not thousands) of other people who had travelled to Winston Churchill Square were there to see what Edmonton's culinary scene could offer. When given the opportunity, I much prefer to sample a bunch of dishes rather than enjoy only one—and that's what makes TOE so cool, despite its unfortunate acronym. I grabbed 20 tickets and set out to find some good eats.

My first stop was at a place called Cocoa's General Store, a part of the Delta Edmonton Centre Suite. I tried the citrus beef with honey mustard sauce, which cost a handsome bounty of five tickets. Served on a multi-grain bun, the tender beef was sliced thick and piled mighty high. I didn't see a thing on the grounds that went for more than five tickets but this dish had value, so I—ahem—wasn't about to beef. Later in the evening, I ran into my friend Jessi, who happens to be working at the Delta, and who told me they had gone through about

120 kilograms' worth in the first half-dozen days or so of TOE. "It has a 'secret orange marinade,'" she says, crooking her fingers to signify the quotation marks.

After finishing off the AAA Alberta beef, I passed by Café Select's stand for a tempura seafood skewer. This dish clocked in at four tickets but I got two skewers with a piece of shrimp, scallop and salmon. The tempura batter made for a light, crispy coating and a squirt of seafood sauce provided some extra flavour. A good choice, I thought.

Long pig

From there, I traveled over to Hoang Long. The name of this Thai eatery was entirely appropriate because the line was lengthy indeed—the lemongrass beef skewer and the

dining

green papaya salad with beef jerky looked just that tasty. I opted for the latter dish and was both impressed and confused by the uniqueness of the dish. The papaya was julienned along with some carrots and served with pieces of beef jerky, fresh basil, peanuts and a sweet soy dressing. The salad had a bit of every texture from crunchy to chewy, and while I tired of it fairly quickly (imagining eating a whole small bowl of coleslaw, for example), it was a refreshing break from the heavier food I'd ordered elsewhere.

By now, it was refreshment break time and I coughed up five tickets for a frosty brown pop. Mmmmm... beer.

A few big gulps later, I was back on the job in search of another sample. I stopped at the Nisku Inn's setup and tried a fantastic little plate of seafood paella. Oh, it was nice. There were four mussels, a handful of baby shrimps, chicken and I even saw a tiny calamari ring or two hid-

ing in the mix. Saffron provided some terrific colour and, to the chef's credit, I really enjoyed the extra peppery kick in the dish.

Aside from good food, I also sought tips and advice from my fellow diners—and they were quick to give it. "The gelati's the best thing I've had here," says Lisa, referring to the coconut gelati with fruit skewer from Café Paradice. "It's very authentic. For a second, 1 thought I was in Italy, basking in the Riviera." Hey, that's my dream. But Lisa's lovely Italian imagery and plain common sense (I love it when someone puts a dessert on the top of their list of favourites) convinced me, so I went straight to the stand and grabbed one. (Price: three tickets.)

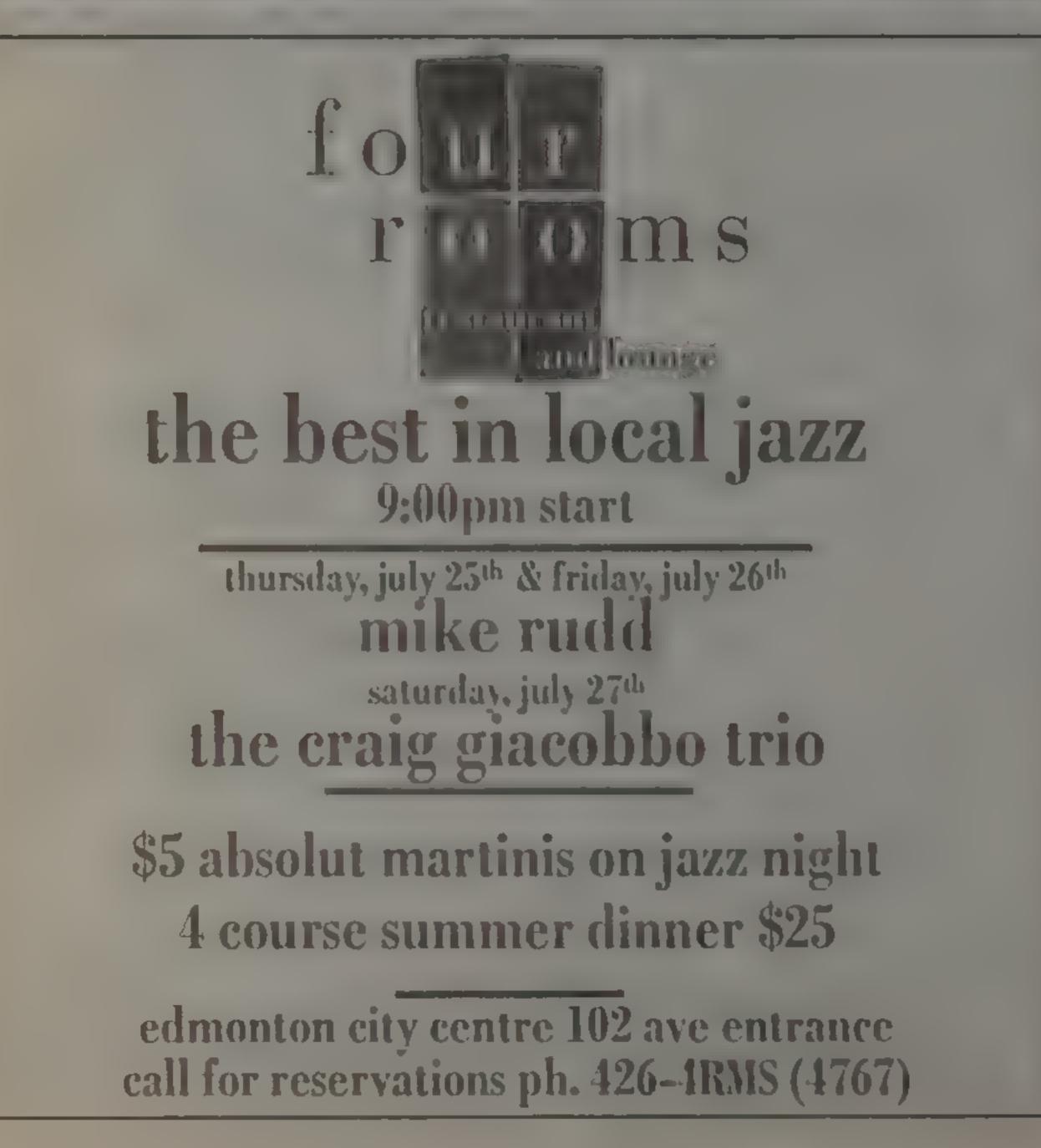
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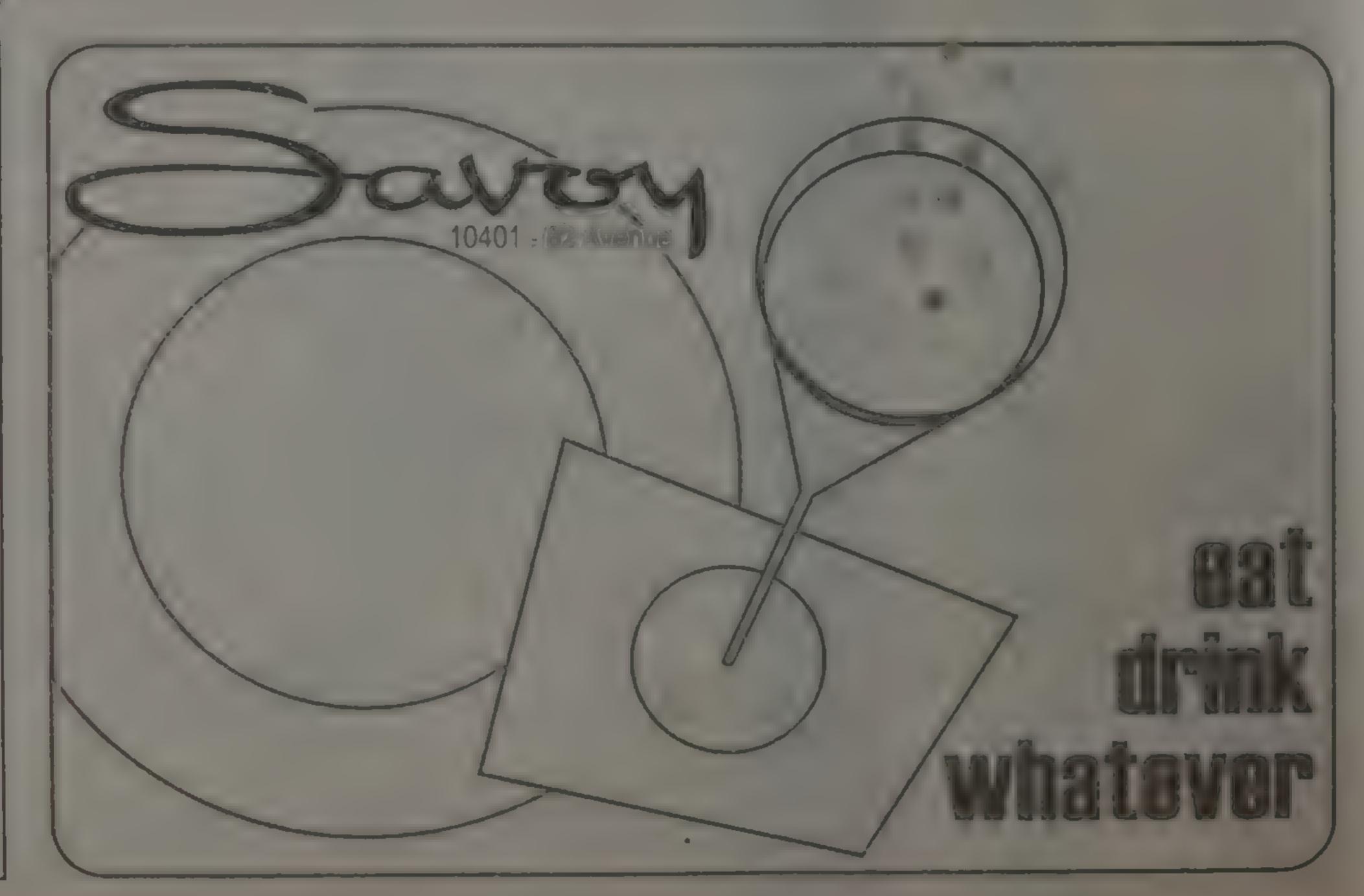
The bowl included a hearty scoop of the extra-creamy gelati with a skewer of fresh cantaloupe and honeydew melon. It proved to be a lovely topper after some fine food but there was a single ticket still burnin' a hole in my pocket. I checked out the Sheraton Grande booth and saw they had a cappuccino shooter selling for a single ducat. I assumed it was literally a shooter of cappuccino, but in fact it was a tiny dark chocolate cup filled with cappuccino mousse and topped with a white chocolate stir-stick. Hey, no coffee but this was even better.

Now totally full, I was ready to head out. I left happy, thinking that it was good to see so many people, both young and old, giving their palates a test with some different stimuli. Then again, not everyone loves to experiment, something I found out from another fellow food sampler.

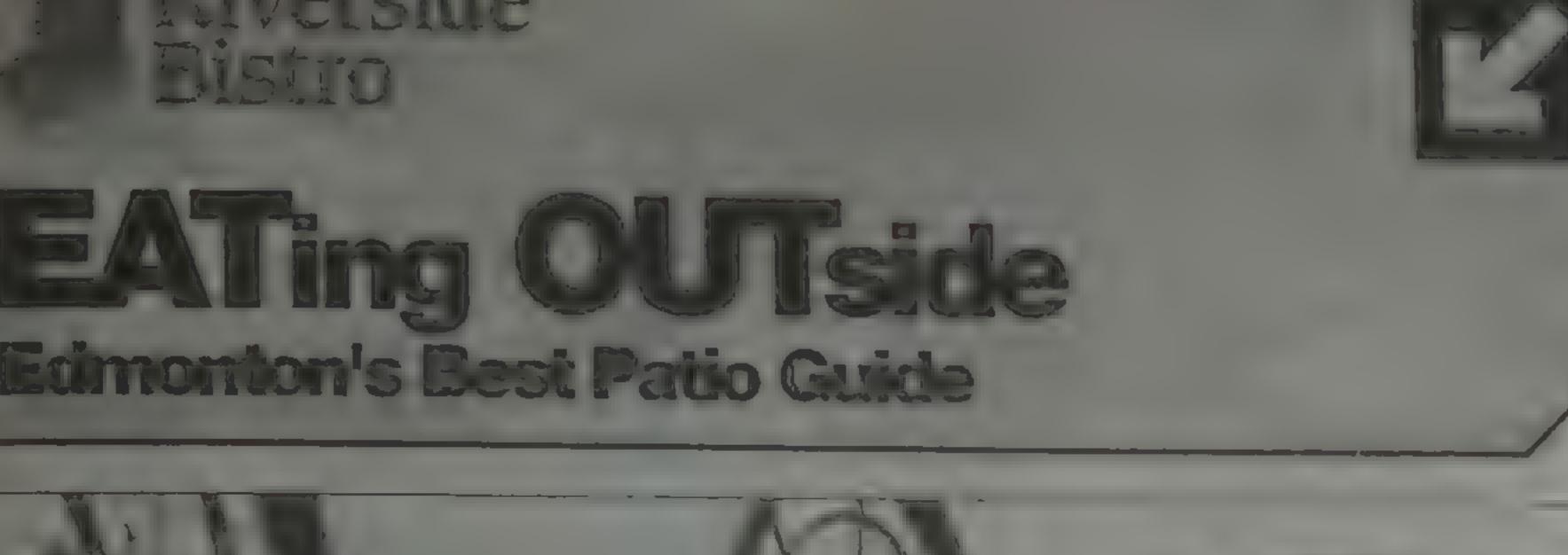
"You know what I hate?" Vera, a doctor of nutrition, told me. "People who come to Taste of Edmonton and get fries."

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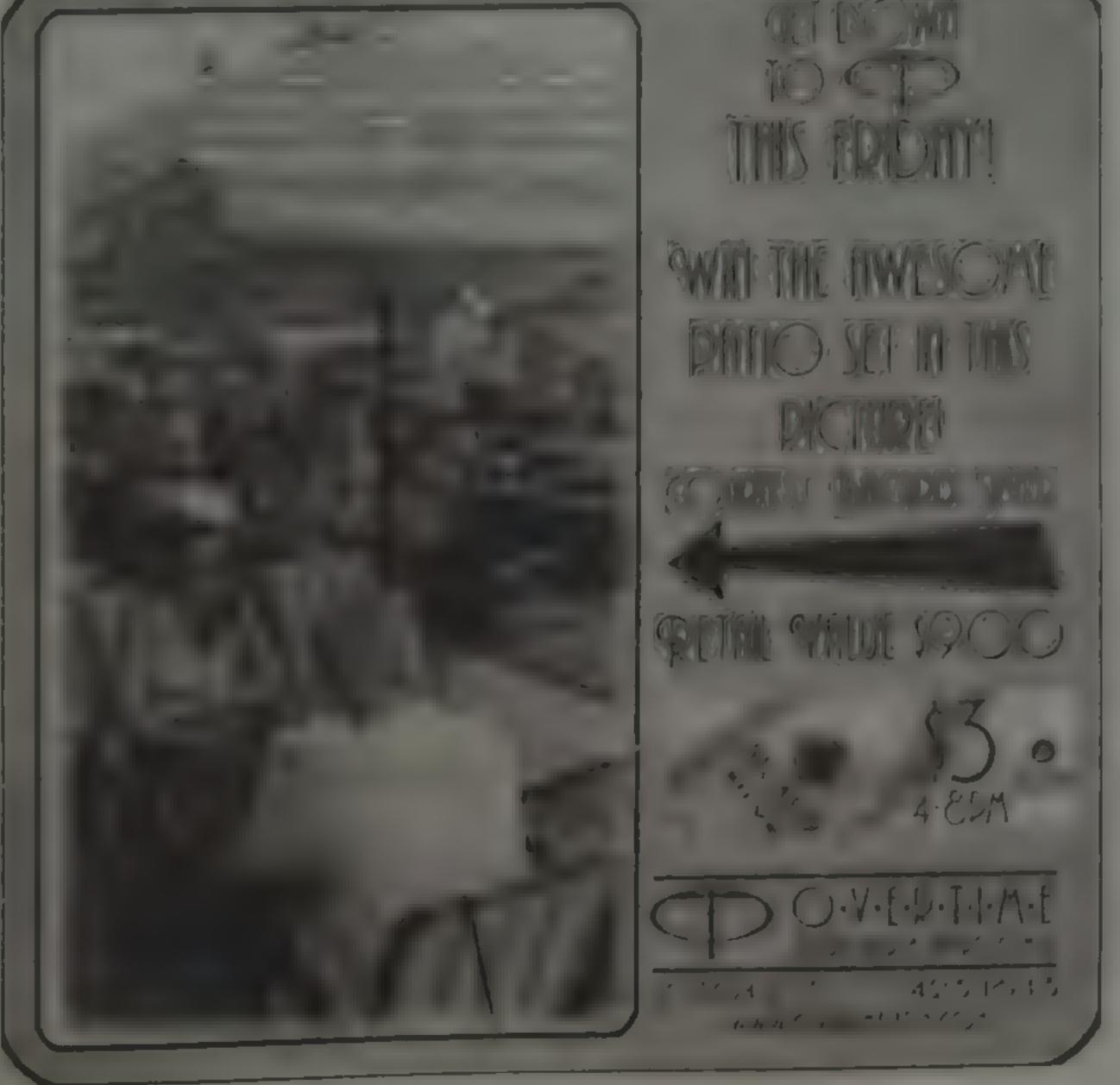


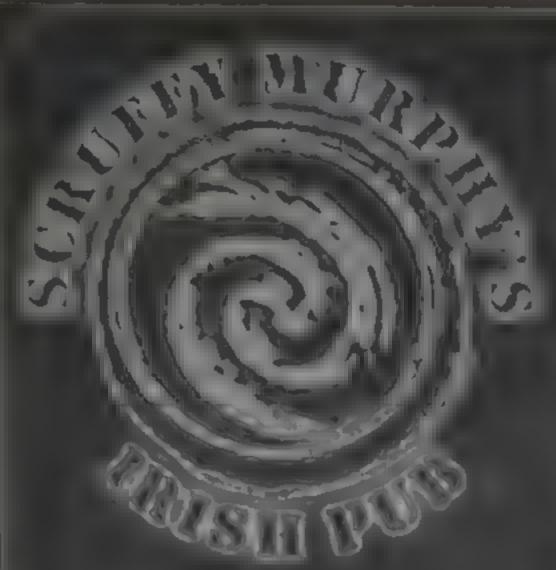




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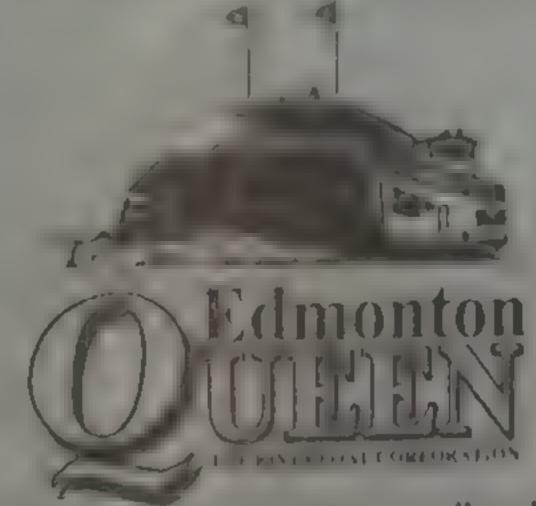
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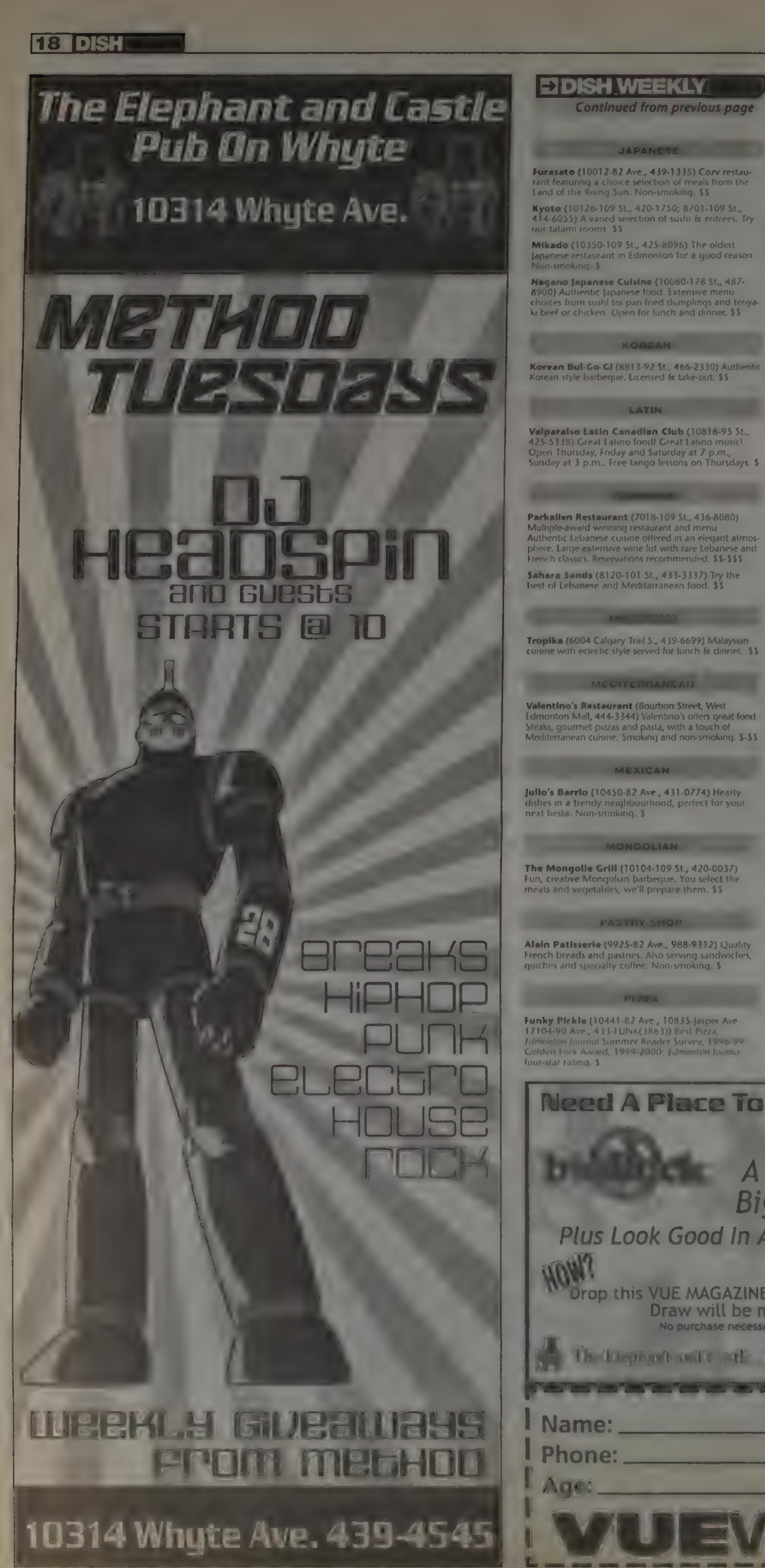
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Pussy comitatus

Trailer-trash anthemeers Nashville Pussy bring more Nasty-ness to Canada

BY PHIL DUPERRON

ile many American bands are only too happy to write Canada off as a backwater country, hardly worth the trouble of touring because of our weak dollar, Nashville Pussy can't seem to get enough of us. They drag their sexcharged, whisky-soaked rock 'n' roll show wherever people aren't afraid to shake. Nashville Pussy's first Canadian tour wasn't huge; they played to a small, lucky crowd at the Sidetrack. But that crowd was so blown away by their showmanship that the gig became part of our city's musical lore-and every show Nashville Pussy has played since has been packed with sweaty rockers, many claiming they were there.

"Luckily, we've been at it long enough," says gravel-voiced guitarist/singer Blaine Cartwright. "It's where we can play small, little places. lasper, Lethbridge, Whistler—a bunch of crazy places like that. It's really cool 'cause you can go in there and fuck the town up for a night. I like it up here, especially in the summertime. We actually wanted to spend longer here. People are cool, there's good weed and there's not as many cops, y'know? It's pretty laid-back, the girls are pretty—all that stuff."

Cartwright thinks Canadian girls are so pretty, he married one. He met the band's lead guitarist, Ruyter buys, a while back playing Saskatoon with his old band, country punk proneers Nine Pound Hammer (who have recently reformed for a spate of reunion shows and recorded a new album). Five months later, she was inving in Nashville. The band's non-stop touring is tough, but Cartwright balls packing a saucy, guitar-slinging wife makes it a whole lot more bearable. "I take it for granted," he says, but it's very, very easy."

The trouble with Tracey

Nashville Pussy's road warrior lifestyle, however, proved too much for ex-bassist Tracey Almazan, who left the band shortly after recording their third disc, Say Something Nasty.

Tracey just had enough, y'know?"

Says Cartwright. "We tour all the time



and if you're not really into it, it gets old. She did a really good job and we were friends, so it was a bummer. We just happened to walk into a replacement, so we really, really lucked out." (The replacement is Kentucky native Katie Lynn Campbell. Her experience in another band, Famous Monsters, meant she was used to slamming and banging in front of large crowds and had no problem slippin' into the Pussy's rhythm section with drummer Jeremy Thompson.)

Say Something Nasty was recorded in a dry county in Kentucky with producer David Barrick. They didn't pick the place because booze was



illegal, but Cartwright says it made it easier to focus on the task at hand banging out the band's best record yet. His knack for writing trailertrash anthems and love-'em-andshoot-'em dirges is guaranteed to give you a good chuckle and your ears a good aural enema. Invasive, cleansing songs like "Gonna Hitchhike Down to Cincinnati and Kick the Shit Outta Your Drunk Daddy" and "You Give Drugs a Bad Name" hit just south of the belt buckle, leaving you quaking in your boots for more. It only took two weeks to record, but nearly a year to come out due to a last-minute change in record companies.

"We originally recorded it for TVT [who put out High as Hell] and I don't know what they thought." says Cartwright. "They didn't tell us what they thought. So we took it over to Artemis, which is a way cooler label in the first place."

Garage mechanics

While Nashville Pussy are doing all right financially these days, Cartwright says it's just starting to make up for years of toiling away in relative obscurity in North America with Nine Pound Hammer, They, along with a host of other bands like the New Bomb Turks and Teengener ate on Crypt Records, were bashing out real garage rock more than a decade before it was suddenly popular. North America wasn't ready for it, and our indifference forced them. across the ocean to Europe where people ate it up. it's ironic Europeans were so open to the style—which is so quintessentially American—but it helps explain where bands like The (International) Noise Conspiracy and the Hives evolved from.

"Sometimes it takes a little distance to appreciate American stuff," says Cartwright. "People in America like crap mostly, though, so it's just really hard to compete against big, mainstream media shit. I feel kinda weird about it, 'cause we got a lot of friends playing in garage rock and this and that now—and I tell 'em, 'Man, you should have been around when we were doing it for real.'" O

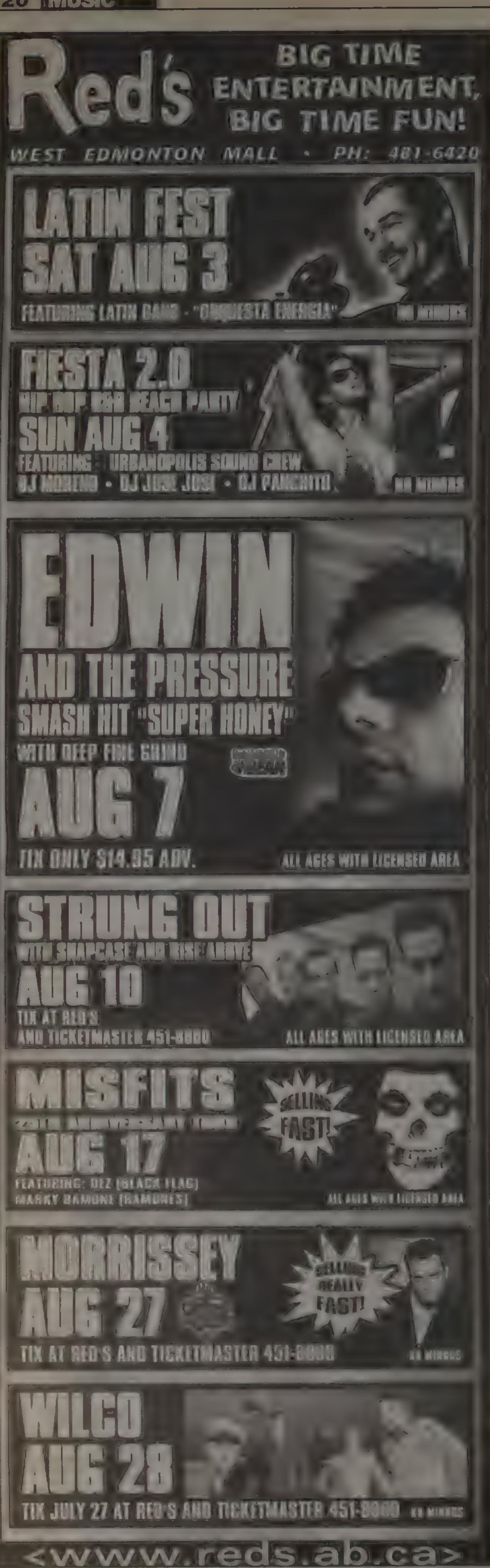
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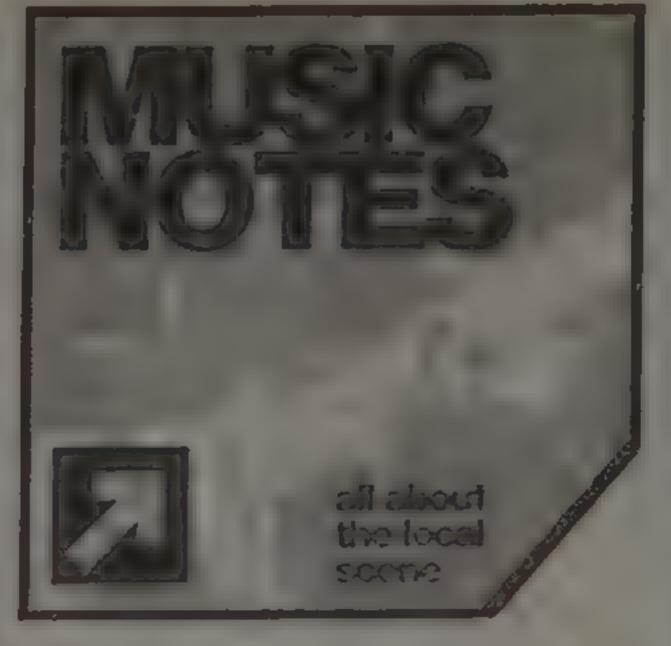


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PHIL DUPERSON

Put up your dukes

Dry Fisted • With the Motherfuckers • Stars • Fri, July 26 With so many bands playing melodic emotional punk these days, it's good to know there are still bands like Calgary's Dry Fisted who aren't afraid to show off their abrasive side. Bass player Markus Morrison has dedicated his spare time to playing in various noisy bands since 1987. He started his current project three years ago when he moved back from Victoria, chasing a sweet job and escaping the high seas robbery of B.C.'s ferry system. "It felt like you were being held hostage," he says. "The island's nice and all, but it's still a rock."

No fan of pop/punk, Morrison says Dry Fisted reaches back to a time when the simple ideas and sounds of punk first melded with the speedier, more challenging riffs of metal, pointing to early crossover bands like Corrosion of Conformity and D.R.I. as influences—"with our own kind of spin on things," he adds.



But what motivates people to keep bashing out crunchy music year after year in dingy halls and sweaty bars, without losing interest or their sanity? "We're pretty dedicated to the form," says Morrison. "We've got the attitude that we'll probably never make it big, but who cares as long as we're having fun?" While people often tell him punk is a limited style, he believes that's only true if you let it-on the other hand, if you constantly change things up and incorporate different styles and new ideas, it never becomes static or boring. Unfortunately, that's exactly what Morrison thinks has happened to a lot of what passes as punk these days. Punk's big commercial success of the

late '90s may have splattered spiky. haired faces across North America's Tv sets, but it's done little for the genres credibility. That's not to say there isn't a ton of vibrant music out there; it's just buried under a mountain c candy-coated major-label offerings

"I think it's gonna make people look harder for punk that's going in another direction than what Epitaph is dictaling," Morrison says. "Since the death of hardcore in about '97 there's just s. many bands that seem content with the status quo. You haven't seen a lot of musical development. If you look hard enough, you can always find some good underground music, though."

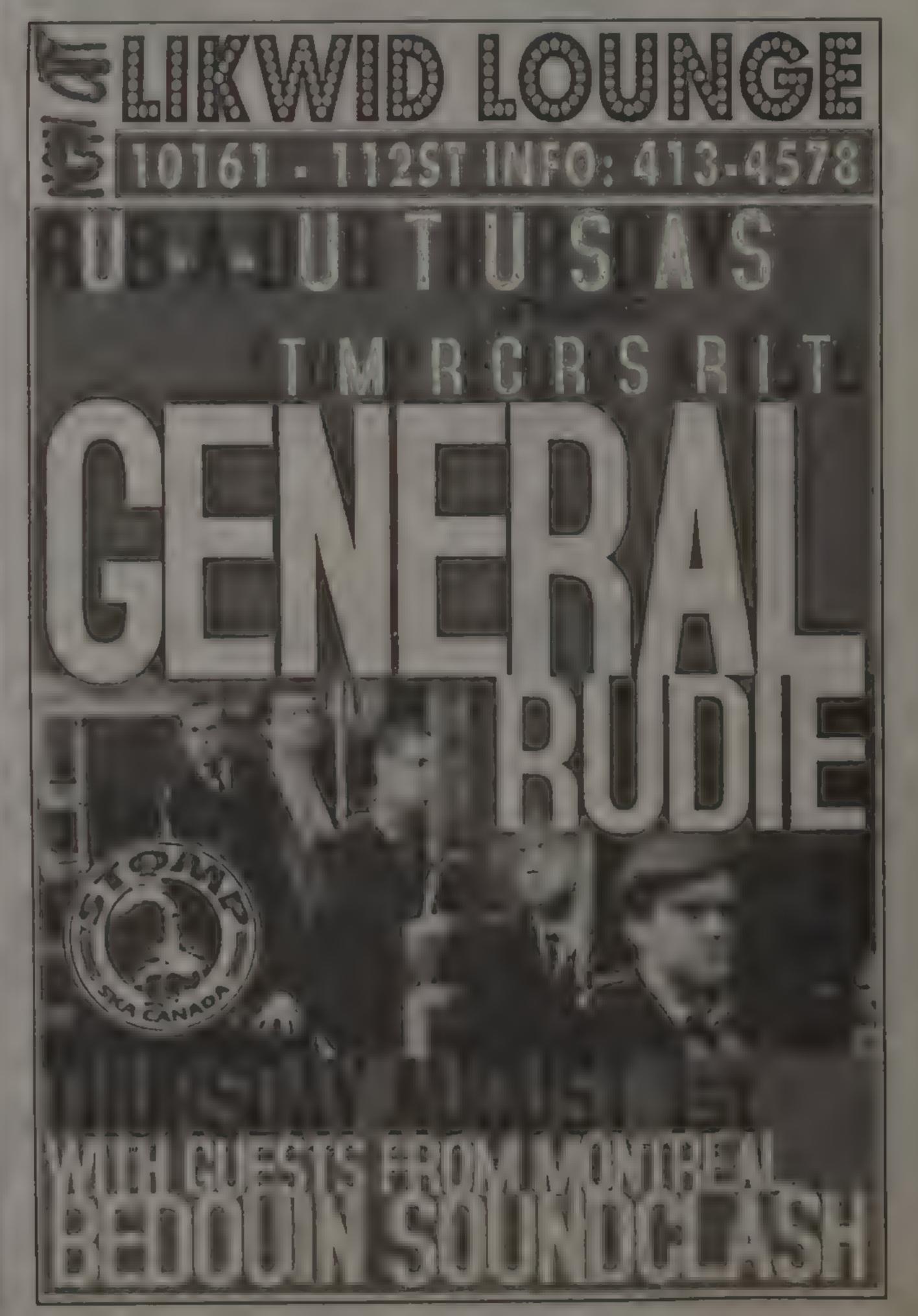
Electro magnetism

CJSR 18th Anniversary Bash This . With the Drastics, Pangina and the A-Team . New City Likwid Lounge • Sat, July 27 Dan Electro, host of CJSR's Flying Saucer Rock 'n' Roll is actually from outer space. Only his brain survived the immense journe) and it currently resides in a jar, says his earthbound interpreter Jeff Papineau lead singer/quitarist for the Drastics And with Mr. Electrohosting CJSR's 18th Anniversary Bash, fans will finally get their first opportunity to see the enigmatic figure up close and in person.

"Dan Electro and his kind have been monitoring the earth's radio and TV signals for quite some time now," says Papineau. "Unfortunately, they weren't aware of the time lapse involved. They came here looking for a date with Batgirl and all they found was a Spice Girl Out of their disappointment, they turned to community radio."

The Drastics have a much less colourful backstory. They formed about a year ago from the ashes of the Brewtals and just about finished up their first disc in the studio. Papineau doesn't know who will put it out (or even what it'll be called), but he vows not to play another show until it's in Support of a disc It's the how reconcer by Nik Kozub, one of Edmonton's hot young engineers. "I gotta tell you that's what made all the difference, Papineau says. "He's really good to work with. His studio's in a nice house, in a nice neighbourhood. Not some basement crypt in a back alley."

The mon-to spect the look like extras from an Austin Powers movie and play real '60s garage rock similar



to the current spate of garage bands turning up the charts, but different. An Endiess amount of debate could into this," says Papineau explaining ... nat separates the Drastics from their The famous competition, "but it's apples and oranges." He thinks the new garage is simply rehashed '80s' style, not a product of the psychedelic age. "I have to admit, it's truly strange to see them recycle a culture we experienced firsthand. I find myself shaking my head and going, 'Hey, hey, heythe '80s weren't like that. I was there!" Car possibility to survive this is to just pretend you're so young you never experienced it before."

Some say garage is exploding like ska did a few years back, with Gap ads - initiary the sound-likely-lurking just , and time corner Papinegu, however, will just keep playing the music he loves and won't let its sudden trendiness get to him. "I'm not worried about it," he says. "This will be a fad that will be over so soon, you'll hardly notice it. The powers that be will soon tell people to listen to something else. Who knows what kind of stupid thing it will be? I do worry young people won't be able to find anything that hasn't been recycled, repackaged and resold to them. Where do you go to find something that's real?"

Then he answers his own question. "Community radio."

Shikasta's conundrum

Shikasta • With Cripple Creek Fairies and Open Wounds . The Rev Cabaret . Tue, July 30 When you're an indie band the only advertisement you have is your live show. If people think you rock—even just a few of them—they tell others and your next gig is huge. Toronto "monsters of soul 'n' roll" Shikasta don't even have Canadian distribution for their disc Gold, but that didn't stop it from debuting at #19 on the college radio charts, prompting the on-line Canuck music magazine Chart Attack to single them out as the only indie band to crack the top 20. "That was good," says singer/bassist Russell Fernandes, "The more we're on the road, the better it gets."

Equal parts booming rock 'n' roll and hip-wigglin' soul, Shikasta's live show turns heads and moves feet wherever they play. Shikasta impressed the promoters of the Pic Pub in Vancouver so much they were invited to this year's Fireball Freakout, an exclusive three-day extravaganza featuring the promoters' favourite North American acts, like Alabama's the Immortal Lee County Killers and County the Clor; Holes The cig page

with only their "axes" and a snare drum for a small western tour using borrowed equipment. Flying is a wel-come change for the road-weary trio.

"We're not driving anymore," says
Fernandes. "Twice a year cross-country is good. It's more of a vacation
now because we're not sleeping in the
van or anything. There's no better
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to get back in the studio as soon as possible. This time, he says, they'll keep the same live feel but use "more soul as opposed to pounding—not that there's anything wrong with pounding "

Shikasta has been doing all right going it alone for the last three years but they won't deny a little help wouldn't hurt. "Of course, everyone would like a good label behind them," Fernandes says. "We're looking." The only problem is getting label types to return promised calls in a week instead of a month and actually care "It's just a lot of talk," he says.

Not every band lives hand to mouth. Shikasta has shared the stage with bands with huge contracts and marketing teams behind them and it doesn't mean they're any better or even any good. Shikasta recently opened up for the Vines in Toronto and Fernandes got to see the hype machine in full swing. "I see a lot of bands being spoon-fed and I don't understand it," he says. "It just proves what hype does, because people just weren't satisfied [with the Vines]. People liked us."

The Commie threat

Old Reliable • Blues on Whyte • Wed, July 31 It's high time country music was acknowledged as the white man's blues here in Alberta. And this week, Old Reliable will take a big step in that direction when they bring their old-fashioned, rockin' honky-tonk to the stage of Edmonton's premier blues venue, Blues on Whyte.

According to Shuyler Jansen, one of the band's two singer/songwriters, the Commercial Hotel used to house a country band back in the '70s, but since it became Blues on Whyte, it's been an exclusive blues/rock venue Known for booking some of the biggest names in blues, it's also one of the best little haunts for cheap beer and has been steadily attracting younger crowds looking for a casual night on Whyte—the Reliables among them.

"It's just been a dream to play the gammi, says Jansen. "It's where we'd like to play in the city because that's where we hang out. And so much of our crowd hangs out on Whyte Avenue."

Getting country music into a blues bar was no easy task for the band, "We've been bugging them for a long time," explains Jansen. "It's kind of an experiment to see if the country thing will fly. I think if the gig goes well, they'll try booking more country shows."

Regardless of their success at Blues on Whyte, though, it will be a while before Old Reliable will have a chance to play the venue again, After releasing their third album, Pulse of Light Dark Landscape, just this spring, the band is ready to share their music mastery with the rest of the country and will hit the road August 16. "We've done what I call 'patch touring,' but we haven't done the full-on endless tour," says Jansen, noting financial viability and day jobs as the biggest factors forcing them to stay put. Using the touring strategies of the now-laid-to-rest band the Smalls, Old Reliable will spend the next few months playing to small towns as well as major urban centres "We don't want to play the five or six points across Canada; we want to play to everyone," says Jansen. "There's all kinds of kids out there who'll come out If there's a show." — JENNY FINIAK O

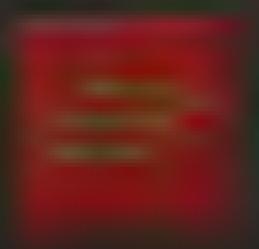






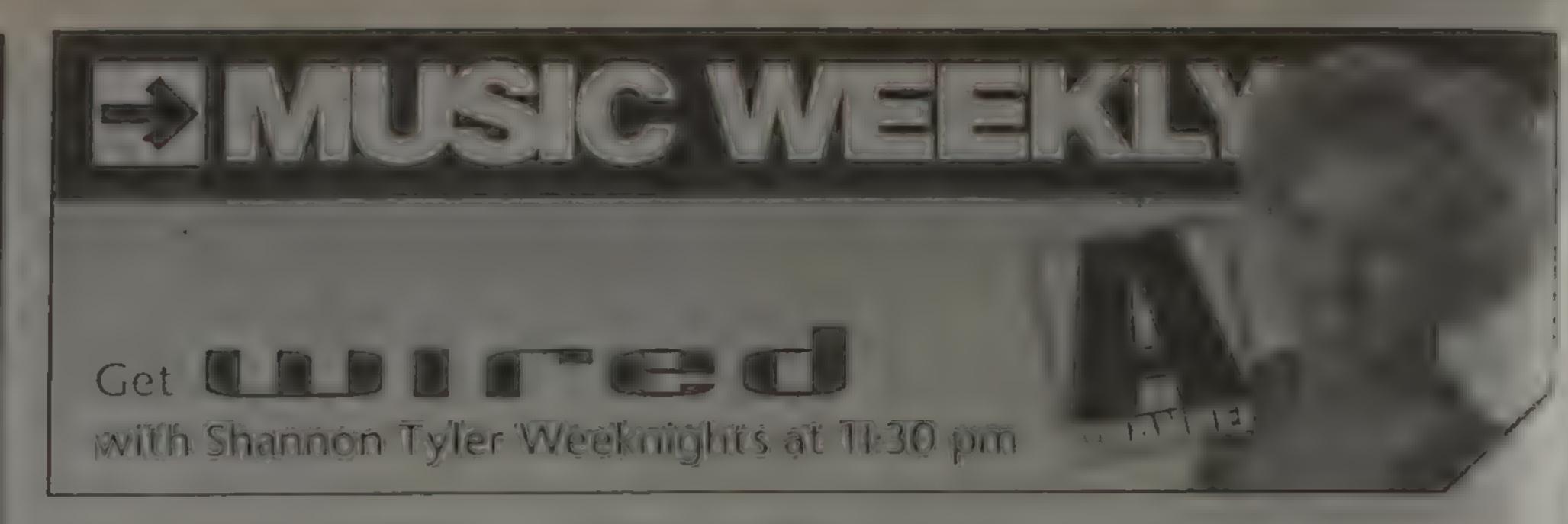


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REV 10030-102 St., 423-7820. THU 25: Sarah Slean, The Dean Lonsdale Trio. FRI 26: Nashville Pussy, Bionic, The Dudes, TUE 30: Shikasta, Cripple Creek Fairles, The Open Wounds, FRI 2: Luther Wright and the Wrongs, The Swiftees, SAT 3: The Cleats, FRI 9: The Summerlad, The Politburo, Sylvie.

BLUES AND ROOTS

THE BLACK DOG FREEHOUSE 10425 Whyte Ave., 439-1082. •Every SAT (3-6pm): Hair of the Dog. No cover.

BLUES ON WHYTE Commercial Hotel, 10329 Whyte Ave., 439-5058. THU 25-SAT 27: Sherman Doucette. THU 28: House Party Blues Band. MON 29: Locals Week: Sugakane. TUE 30: Locals Week: Ben Sures, Paul Bellows, Nathan. WED 31: Locals Week: Old Reliable, THU 1: Homestead Recorders Showcase Feat: The Ghettoblasters, LVCK, Coldspot and The Schematics, Las Vegas Crypt Keepers. THU 4: House Party Blues Band.

CAPITOL HILL PUB Blues at the Hill, 14203 Stony Plain Rd., 464-3063. FRI 26-SAT 27: Billy Joe Green.

CITY ARTS CENTRE 10943-83 Ave. SAT 27 (8pm-1am): A Pre-Marital Affair featuring Old Reliable. TIX \$15.

CLIFF CLAYVIN'S RESTAURANT AND PUB 9710-105 St., 424-1614. •Every MON (8-12pm): Open stage hosted by Randy Smallman, Pascal Lecours, Umberto Madeiras.

DUSTERS 6402-118 Ave., 474-5554. •Every THU: Open stage w/ Keep Six.

FILTHY McNASTY'S PUBLIC **HOUSE** 10511-82 Ave., 432-5224. • Every SUN: Open stage hosted by Mike Caton. • Every MON: Metal Mondays hosted by the Bear's Yukon Jack. • Every WED: Boogie Nites. THU 25: Darksand.

GRINDER STEAKHOUSE AND BAR 10957-124 St., 453-1709. FRI 26-SAT 27 (9:30pm): Math Debaters. No cover.

L.B.'S COUNTRY PUB 23 Akins Dr., St. Albert, 460-9100. FRI 26-SAT 27: DJ Big Spin Productions.

MEZZA LUNA LATIN CLUB 10238-104 St., 423-LUNA. • Every WED and THU (9-11pm): Latin dance lessons. Every weekend: Live Latin music.

O'BYRNE'S 10616 Whyte Avenue, 414-6766. •Every SUN (9:30pm): Open stage hosted by Joe Bird. • Every MON: Industry night with music by The Suchy Sisters.

O'MAILLE'S PUB 398 St. Albert Tr., Mission Hill Shopping Plaza, St. Albert, 458-5700. • Every TUE (8-11pm): Open stage.

ROSEBOWL PIZZA AND LOUNGE 10111-117 St., 482-5152. • Every SUN: Sunday night jam with host Mike McDonald

SCRUFFY MURPHY'S IRISH PUB Whitemud Crossing, 485-1717. •Every MON (9:30pm): Open stage hosted by Chris Wynters. • Every TUE: Industry Night.

SECOND CUP 10303 Jasper Ave 424-7468. • Every THU (7:30-10:30pm): Acoustic open stage ho ed by Ron Taylor.

SIDETRACK CAFÉ 10333-112 SI 421-1326. •Every THU (7-9pm): WI Happens Next? (comedy improv show) hosted by Graham Neil of CFRN TV, starring Donovan Works of Atomic Improv. • Every SAT (3 7pm): Afternoons at the Sidetrack Hosted by Tim Lent. Special guest and a jam. All ages event, kids come. No cover. • Every SUN (8pr Match This! - The Comedy Game Show. THU 25 (9:30pm): Touchto Gurus (alt rock). \$4 cover. FRI 26 (10pm): King Muskafa (CD release party). \$6 cover. SAT 27 (3pm): [F-1] and the Conspirators, rwpo, Barrymores, Greg Milka Crowe (skill All ages show. Free. (9:30pm) late show: Peg City Skank Tour 2002: Il and the Conspirators, rwpo, Barrymores, Greg Milka Crowe (skall \$6 late show. SUN 28 (10pm) Sunday Night Live: Rotting Fruit,

No cover. WED 31: The Edmonton FolkFest Presents: (8pm): Dan Ber TIX \$12 adv., \$15 @ door. (11pm Late Show: Alex Murdoch and the Polyphonics. Late Show: no cover Adv. TIX @ TicketMaster, Sidetrack THU 1 (9:30pm): Daddy Longlegs Feat, Jim Gray (Darkroom). \$4 cov-FRI 2-SAT 3 (10pm): E.C Scott (soil \$8 cover. SUN 4 (10pm): Sunday Night Live: joint Chiefs, Punchline Scramble, DJ Dudeman. \$6 cover MON 5-WED 7 (9:30pm): The Beat Sures Banditos. No cover. FRI 9-SAT 10: Fifth Season, Haven. WED 14 (7pm): Irish singer/songwriter And

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SUGARBOWL CAFÉ AND BAR 10922-88 Ave., 433-8369. • Every 2nd SUN (2-5pm): PROxyBOY (live t electronica). • Every SUN (8:30pm): Brett Miles presents Rise. instrumentals (pass) the har

TIM'S GRILL 7106-109 St., 413-9606. • Every SAT: Open stage hosted

UNITARIAN AUDITORIUM 12530-110 Ave. THU 25 (7pm): Aurora (CD release celebration).

CLASSICAL

CONVOCATION HALL U of A Campus. THU 25 (8pm): Young Composers' Showcase: New works by four young Edmonton composers. TIX \$5 @ door.

McDOUGALL UNITED CHURCH 10025-101 St., 428-3737, 420-1757. SAT 3 (8pm): Richard Eaton Singers, Camerata Vocale Freiberg, TIX \$15 adult, \$12 student/senior @ TIX on the Square, @ door.

CLUBS

BARRY T'S GRAND CENTRAL STA-TION 6111-104 St., 438-2582. Every WED/FRI: Top 40 w/ DJ Damian. • Every SAT: '80s night w/ D) Damian.

CASINO EDMONTON 9055 Argyll Rd., 463-9467. FRI 26-SAT 27: Tracy Millar (pop/rock, country rock). FRÍ 2-SAT 3: Hoffman and Brown Trio (pop/rock). FRI 9-SAT 10: Ozzie and Harriett.

CASINO YELLOWHEAD 12464-153 St., 463-9467. THU 25-SAT 27: Tineta and Electric Avenue (pop/rock). THU 1-SAT 3: The HeadLines (pop/rock). THU 8-SAT 10: Brian Skylar Tex Pistols.

DEVLIN'S MARTINI BAR 10507 82 Ave., 437-7489. • Every SUN: DJ Diabolic spins the in sounds from

FORTY-FOUR MAGNUM CLUB 8318-144 Ave., 475-8702. • Every SAT: Open Stage Jams. All bands, singers and musicians welcome. FRI 26-SAT 27 (9pm-1:30am): Big Jim and Crew. No cover. SAT 27 (3-7pm): Open jam hosted by Big Im and Crew.

GALLERY LOUNGE Mayfield Inn, 16615-109 Ave. 484-0821. • Every THE SAN DI SIEVE

GAS PUMP 10166-114 St., 488-4841. • Every TUE/WED: Karaoke. THE DISTURSATE DI

GREENHOUSE NIGHTCLUB Neighbourhood Inn, 13103 Fort Rd., 472-9898. • Every WED-SAT: DJ Travis.

CONCERTS

DELWOOD COMMUNITY LEAGUE HALL 7515 Delwood Rd., 420-1757. •FRI, Aug. 9 (6:30 door), SUN, Aug. 11 (1pm door): From the Edge (live CD recording), all-ages event. TIX

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FESTIVAL PLACE 449-FEST (3378), 451-8000. •THU, July 25 (7:30pm): De Dannan, TIX \$20 cabaret; \$18 theatre @ Festival Place box office, TicketMaster. •WED, July 31 (7:30pm): Wednesday Night Patio Series: Al Brant Trio, Christian Mena (folk). \$5 Individual Patio Series performances. WED, July 7 (7:30pm): Wednesday Night Patio Series: LJ Daylee (country), Helen Nolan (cabaret singer). WED, July 14 (7:30pm): Wednesday Night Patio Series: Mike Sadava (folk), Big Daddy Donkey Wash and the Fried Egg Band (blues/funk).

J.J.'S PUB 13160-118 Ave., 451-9180. •SAT, Aug. 10 (10pm show): The Judas Priest Show: Tyrant. \$5 cover.

JUBILEE AUDITORIUM 11455-87 Ave., 451-8000. •WED, Sept. 11 (8pm): Kenny Rogers. TIX starting at \$79 @ TicketMaster. •WED, Sept. 25-THU, Sept. 26 (6:30pm door; 7:30pm show): The Tragically Hip, Sam Roberts. TIX \$39.50, \$49.50, \$59.50 @ TicketMaster. On sale Sat, July 27, 9:30am.

LABATT BLUES FESTIVAL Hawrelak Park, www.BluesInternationalLtd.com. •FRI, Aug. 23-SUN, Aug. 25. TIX \$70 @ TicketMaster, Chateau Louis Hotel, Southside Sound.

PROVINCIAL MUSEUM AUDITO-RIUM 12845-102 Ave. •FRI, July 26 (9pm): Kiran Ahluwalia joined by her ensemble (tabla, harmonium, and guitar). Ghazals and Punjabi folk songs. Presented by the Bazm-e Sukhan Literary and Cultural Society. TIX \$10.

RED'S WEM, 481-6420, 451-8000. •SAT, Aug. 10 (7pm door): Strung out (punk), Snapcase, Rise Against. TIX \$17 adv. @ TicketMaster, Blackbyrd Myoozik, Freecloud, Listen, FS Snowboard and Skateboard, Method, Red's. All ages licensed event. •SAT, Aug. 17 (7pm door): Misfits, Marky Ramone, Dez (of Black Flag). All ages event. Licensed areas. •TUE, Aug. 27 (7pm door; 9:15pm show): Morrissey. No minors, licensed show. TIX \$35 @ TicketMaster.

SKYREACH CENTRE 451-8000. •TUE, Aug. 27 (6:30pm doors; 7:30pm show): Bob Dylan and His Band. TIX \$39.50, \$49.50 and \$59.50 @ TicketMaster. •TUE, Sept. 10 (7:30pm): Rush. TIX @ TicketMaster. •SAT, Sept. 28 (8pm): Great Big Sea. TIX \$35. •THU, Sept. 12 (7pm door): Supertramp. TIX \$45.50, \$49.50, \$59,50 @ TicketMaster.

THE STANLEY MILHER THEATRE 432-7633. FRI, Sept. 20 (8pm): Jennifer Berezan with Nina Gerber, Jami Sieber and Anthony Costello. TIX \$22 @ Orlando Books.

COUNTRY

Edmonton Centre, 102 Ave Entrance, 426-4767. THU 25-FRI 26 (9pm); Mike Rud. SAT 27: Craig Giacobbo Trio.

ZENARI'S ON 15T 10117-101 St... 425-6151. FRI 26 (8pm-midnight): Dubyk w/ Charlie Austin

PIANO BARS

LION'S HEAD PUB Coast Terrace inn, 4440 Calgary Trail S., 431-5815 THU 25-SAT 27: Todd Reynolds

ROSE AND CROWN PUB Sheraton Grande Edmonton Hotel, 10235-101 St., 441-3036. TUE 30-FRI 2: Chuck Belhuimer, TUE 6-FRI 9 Dave Heibert.

SHERLOCK HOLMES CAPILANO Capilano Mall, 5004-98 Ave., 463-7788. • Every THU and SAT: Celtic night, THU 25-SAT 27: Richard Blais TUE 1-SAT 3: Jimmy Whitten

SHERLOCK HOLMES DOWNTOWN Rice Howard Way, 10012-101A Ave., 426-7784. THU 25-SAT 27: Mark Magarrigle, TUE 30-SAT 3 Tony Dizon

SHERLOCK HOLMES WEM Bourbon St., W.E.M., 444-1752. THU 25-SAT 27: Tony Dizon, MON 29-SAT 3: Mark Magarrigle.

SHERLOCK HOLMES ON WHYTE 10341-82 Ave., 433-9676. • Every THU and SAT: Celtic night. THU 25 SAT 27: Chuck Belhuimer, WED 31-SAT 3: Tony Dizon.

POP AND ROCK

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HONEST MUR'S BAR AND GRILL 8937-82 Ave., 463-6397. • Every THU/FRI: Live bands.

J.J.'S PUB 13160-118 Ave., 451-9180. Every Wed (10pm): Open stage hosted by Juke Joint Band. FRI 26: Thexceptions (rock), SAT 27: Lek (rock).

KINGSKNIGHT PUB 9221-34 Ave, 433-2599. THU 25: Disgrace the Retroman. FRI 26-SAT 27: Monkey's Uncle.

LONGRIDER'S 11733-78 St., 479-7400. • Every TUE: Live traditional country music hosted by Bev Munro. • Every WED-SAT: Top 40 country, dance, classic rock. • Every THU· Thursty Thursday w/ DJ Doc Lou. THU 25-SAT 27: Jamie Hamilton.

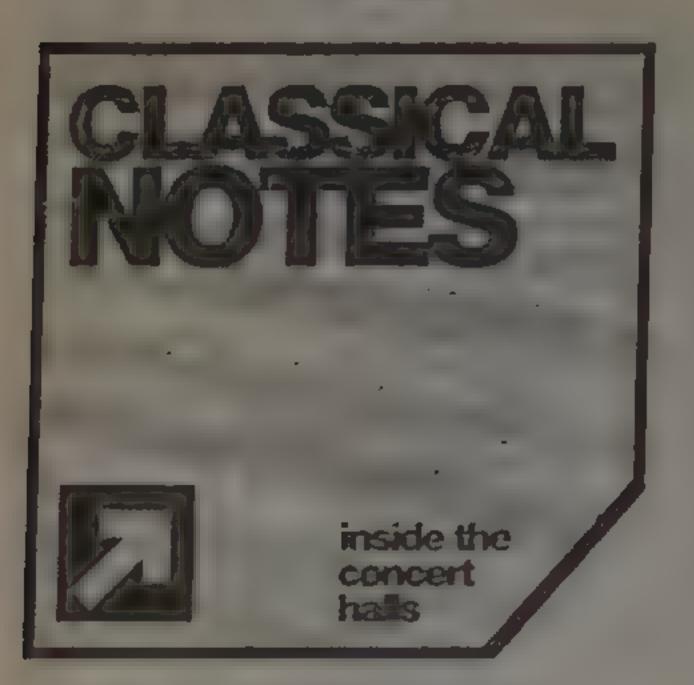
OTTEWELL PUB 6108-90 Ave. 450-5953, 970-7063. • Every THU: Battle of the Bands.

STRATHEARN PUB 9514-87 St., 465-5478. • Every THU (8pm): Wide open stage hosted by Dustin Zawalski.

URBAN LOUNGE 8111-105 St., 439-3388. • Every TUE: Urban Unplugged, THU 25-SAT 27: Mustard Smile. \$3/ \$5 cover. WED 31: Clayton Exit 303. \$3/\$5 cover. SUN 4 The Jack Union, Stabilo Boss. \$5 cover. WED 7: Portal. \$5 cover THU 8-SAT 10: Granny Dynamite. \$3/\$5 cover.







. BY ALLISON KYDD

How far can he get travelling on flute?

Ruth Cummings, formerly of Calgary, is an education student at the University of Alberta. During the summer, she's working at Organic Roots, the new food market, restaurant and health centre on 112 St. Though hired as a cook, she also contributes to the ambience of the establish-

ment by playing flute. After many years of music study, however—she reached grade eight in Royal Conservatory—Cummings has decided music is, at least for the moment, not a good bet for earning a living. Besides, she says, "I don't want to make [music] a commodity."

Professional musician Bill Damur (who's best known as a flutist, although rumour has it he also plays piano, guitar and several other instruments) might giggle at Cummings's rationale, but he would approve of the fact she is getting mileage out of her music. A gig is a gig.

A music teacher at Grant MacE-wan's Alberta College Campus, the classically trained Damur is one of the city's most vibrant crossover musical artists. He's also quite frank about his "contempt for stylistic barriers" when they keep other musicians "sadly locked into specific genres." In spite of his versatility, flamboyant personality and flair for the quick turn of a phrase, music isn't just a lark for him, and he's not just a "free spirit." Really, it's

about paying the bills. So he's a classical musician, but he's also proficient in jazz and folk and Celtic and world music and rock and pop and—my God—country. After all, to him they're not barriers; they're just different styles. "If there's a gig to do, and I can do it," he says, "why would I say no?"

Just look at a few items from Damur's dance card for the last month and you'll see what he means. On June 23, for instance, Möbius (Damur, guitarist Don Ehret, bassist Don Bradshaw and drummer Dan Skakun) played Jazz City with their improvisation-heavy blend of jazz, classical, pop and world beat. The group "mixed the last two tunes" [of its demo CD] a couple of days ago," says Ehret. So calling cards will be hitting the radio stations very Alberta College Campus Conservatory of Music, says the group started up four years ago, though he and Damur have been playing together for 15. They took their name from the Mobius strip, an M.C. Escher-like

object in which a strip of paper is twisted and its ends fastened together so that both sides of the paper appear to be one continuous surface. "That's what we do," Ehret says. "We try to think of new things to bring in all the time."

"They have years and years of experience, and they're interested in propagating music," says writer Goldwin McEwen, who has done PR work for the quartet in the past. "It's people like them who are allowing other groups to go on.... All have their own style—not a soup, but a stew, where you can still recognize the ingredients in the mix." Möbius should have its website, complete with soundbites, in action by the end of August. Watch for it.

Then, on June 28, Damur played lute, guitar and flute along with cellist Christine Hanson, vocalist Wendy Grønnestad and fiddler lain Fraser in an evening of renaissance, baroque and traditional music from Scotland. The sold-out concert, held at Westwood Unitarian Church, was such a

success that Fraser, who lives in Scotland, wants to do a CD. According to Damur, this is music that was lost when James VI of Scotland moved his court to London, leaving behind a "musical wasteland." But we Scots mustn't take umbrage at that characterization—the group is all about enriching our heritage, not about taking anything away from us.

Next, Damur appeared in formal attire under the dome of Commerce Place to play Haydn and Bach with the Amati Trio. A few days later, he did a riverboat gig, playing tunes appropriate to that setting. Soon he'll be busy planning another Arctic tour with Café Musique. Is it difficult for Damur to change his colours so often? The important thing, he says, is to be completely focussed on what he doing when he's doing it.

Those flutists who see two lone flute chairs in the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra as an impediment to becoming professional musicians might do well to keep Bill Damur sexample in mind. ©





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SESSIONS RECORDING ARTISTS



BY DAVID STONE

, psky on the horizon

me start off by giving a cheer to estik. With only a few days' notice, downtown club picked up New exico electronic group Deepsky for appearance this Saturday night. The of J. Scott Giaquinta and Jason m were originally scheduled to play er local venue this weekend, but en the promoters backed out, the p was left with a plane ticket and ere to drop their boxes.

This will be Deepsky's first appearce in Edmonton in three years, ren they played Nexustribe's Carniparty. This time, they're touring in pport of their debut album on etic Records, In Silico, a Hybridque mix of spastic rhythm monsters soaring atmospheric meditations. " if you've never heard Deepsky ore, it's worth seeking the disc out. e Hybrid's Wide Angle masterpiece, Silico fuses sharp digital beats with pustic instruments, from the Spanguitar on "View From a Staircase" the voice of Republica's Saffron on "le." The disc also includes a colporation with Dave Ralph called hree Sheets to the Wind" and new rsions of their breakthrough proassive singles "Cosmic Dancer" and ntil the End of the World."

Deepsky started out when aquinta and Blum met in college a decade ago, united by a comon love of industrial and electronic isic. They started out as rave prooters before realizing they were betmusicians than event organizers.



Over the years they began amassing gear and production credits, including a well-received EP on Rampant Records called In My Mind, several singles for Fragrant and remixes for everyone from BT, Carl Cox, The Light and Energy 52. They've also collaborated with Sandra Collins to produce two stunning singles, "Red" and "Ode to Our," both of which still get a fair amount of play from progressive jocks.

But it's been out on the road, performing live, where they've won the fans. They assemble their tracks in the same fashion as a DJ, overdubbing beats and melodies in progress. As a result, the group has enjoyed cult status throughout North America, with many fans travelling hundreds of miles to see one of their shows.

Saturday's show at Majestik will only cost you six dollars at the door. You can also pick up a \$25 early-bird ticket that night for the upcoming Nexus Gathering, scheduled for September 21. You might want to take advantage of this offer; if the rumours are true, this will be one of the best events Nexustribe has ever held. Tickets are going to become real scarce, real fast.

Heather report

There's no doubt in my mind that

local house DJ Junior Brown can hardly sit still right now, since the effortlessly talented and beautiful DJ Heather will be spinning at his club Halo on Thursday, August 8 as part of the Gold Club Series. Anyone who loves deep and sexy house music will want to get down to one of Heather's iconic sets, which have smoked up dance floors around the world from London's Ministry of Sound to her native Chicago. Along with DJ Collette and DJ Dayhota, Heather Is a part of the Super Jane collective, but she also manages to continue her own endeavours, which have included singles for Afterhours and Seasons, not to mention a relentless touring schedule.

And finally, Future Funk is celebrating its first month at Lush with a special grand opening celebration this Friday hosted by residents Degree, Phatcat, Skoolee, Derkin and yours truly. Come early at 9 p.m. for a reception presented with Nettwerk Records for the new Plastic 6 and Chillout 2002 compilations, and win some swag in the process. Then stick around to enjoy two rooms of eclectic dance beats, from the drum 'n' bass of Toronto's Tornmy Illfingas to the trance of Red Deer's rising star K-Autic. We'll see you there. O

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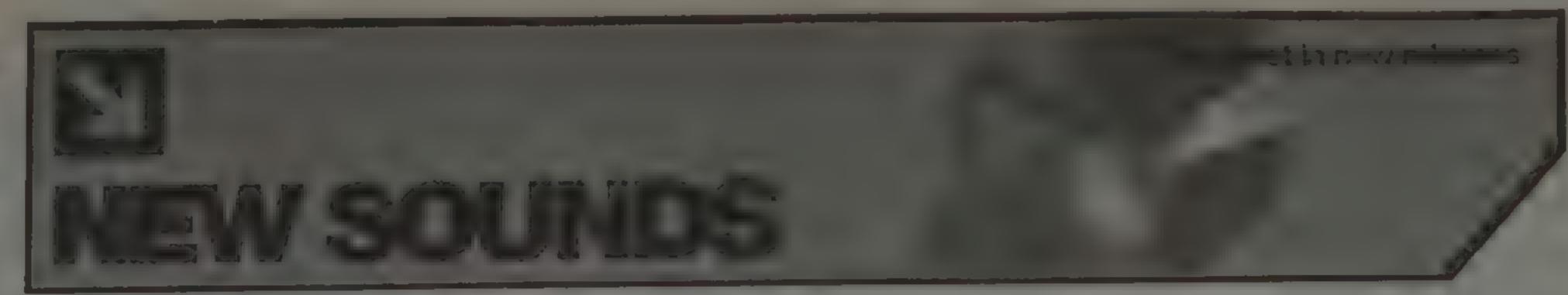
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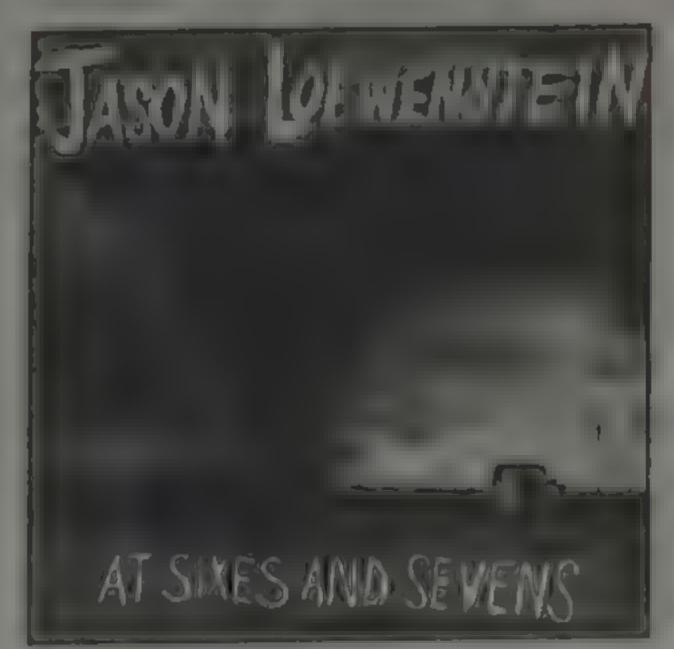
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JASON LOWENSTEIN AT SIXES AND SEVENS (SUB POP)

Jason Lowenstein, founding member of Sebadoh, finally slips out from behind Lou Barlow's shadow with At Sixes and Sevens. Right from the opening strains of "Codes," it's clear that I-Lo wanted a rock record, perhaps as an antidote to Barlow's omnipresent sensitivity. Whatever the case, all 14 tracks are indie rock classics. This is clearly Lowenstein's best effort, meshing familiar Sebadoh-esque hooks with a hitherto unseen rock fury that at times sounds like... er... Accept (see track #9). Hey, don't let that scare you off; this is as solid as an album gets. 水水水水 —WHITEY HOUSTON

AEROSMITH O. YEAH! ULTIMATE AEROSMITH HITS (COLUMBIA)

This collection, yet another repackaging of Aerosmith singles (this time, two discs' worth), begs the question, "Which Aerosmith, anyway?" O, Yeah! is roughly divided between the two groups that have each been calling themselves Aerosmith over the years: the drug-addled, groupie-shagging road demons they once were, and the clean and sober, groupie-shagging old guys they've become.

Disc one—and for my money, the meat of O, Yeahl-is dominated by the Beantowners' earliest material, and is essentially the sound that made the band. Young 'uns who thought Steven Tyler's greatest contribution to Western culture was fathering Liv might think twice after hearing tunes like "Dream On," "Walk This Way," "Back in the Saddle," "Last Child" and "Sweet Emotion" which took advantage of everything Joey Kramer learned about funky grooves during his days as the only white drummer on the "chitlin circuit" in black R&B clubs up and down the U.S. east coast.

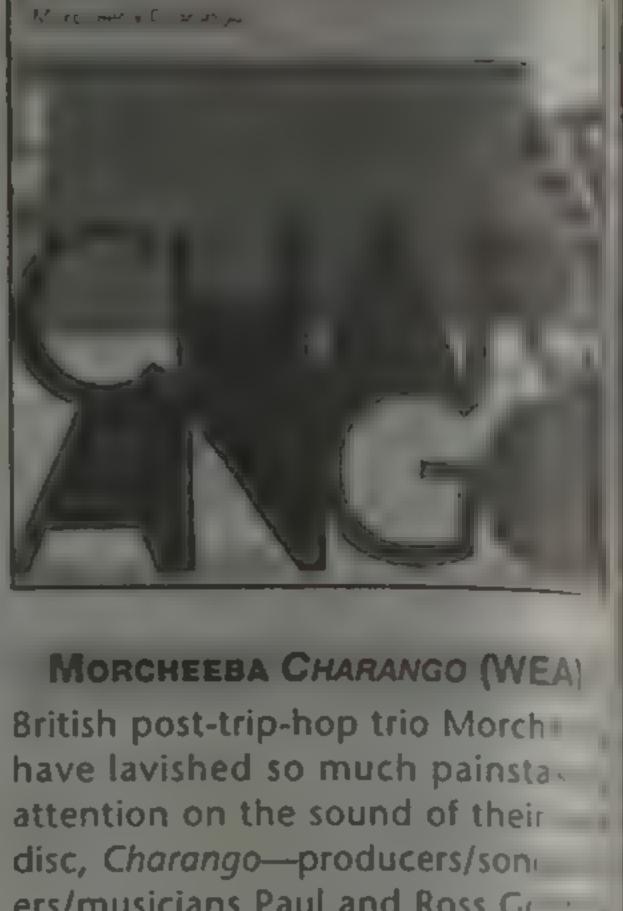
Apart from "Draw the Line," the title track from the crash-and-burn album planned as a follow-up to Rocks (the band's best, as opposed to best-selling, album to date), the rest of disc

one is filled with material from the group's phoenix-like resurrection on Permanent Vacation and Pump, their first two discs for their then-new label, Geffen. Disc two, meanwhile, is weighted down with overproduced, formulaic (and, ironically, mega-popular) schlock like "Livin' on the Edge," "Cryin" and "Amazing," an ersatz trilogy of trite "-ing" songs which was not followed up with a fourth installment called "Sucking," but could've been.

Where the "Toxic Twins," Tyler and guitarist Joe Perry, used to balance each other out—Tyler's showbiz tendencies countered by Perry's gut-level r'n'r instincts-modern-day Aerosmith has a survival instinct for making sounds that sell records but none of their old street credibility and raw edge. Syrupy background vocals, overdone horns and impossibly large string sections have now replaced one of pop's gutsiest guitar sounds ever. It makes me wonder how great Aerosmith would've sounded if they'd never become "America's Greatest Rock 'n' Roll Band." 本本本 —T.C. SHAW

FURNACE MAINTENANCE ALWAYS ON (GO ROCK)

If you want a filling slice of Edmonton rock history, then you need to pick up a copy of Furnace Maintenance's Always On. It seems to me that these guys never really got their due. They always kicked ass live and released quality shit (even if their releases were only on cassette and the rock shows were in your mom's basement). This ain't just about nostalgia, though, kids. Hell no-this is about kickass r'n'f'n'r! (Yeah, that's Rock 'n' fuckin' roll!) Slightly less cheeky versions of the old classics rub shoulders with newer Archers of Loafinspired material. Is it punk? Is it metal? Is it indie rock? Yes sir, it sure is! My only complaint is the exclusion of the all-time best cover of AC-DC's "That's the Way I Want My Rock 'n' Roll." Get



to know them again, for the first to

☆☆☆ ―WHITEY HOUSTON

ers/musicians Paul and Ross Go must've spent weeks on tracks like 1 mil erwise" and "Undress Me Now" ju. ering the sweeping string arranger with the electronic beats and '-Edwards's sultry vocals, fussing every last nuance of the mix-th. difficult to understand why they seemed have spent so little time polishing the lyrics. Maybe if they had, it would it occurred to them that their descripof kissing lovers as being "welded" ly" (in "Public Displays of Affection could have been expressed a little in felicitously, or that the question can't I fight truth decay?" (fron Paulo") is a pretty lame play on v or that beseeching someone to "ITTI ine our skin" by "using your min the first verse of "Undress Me No...

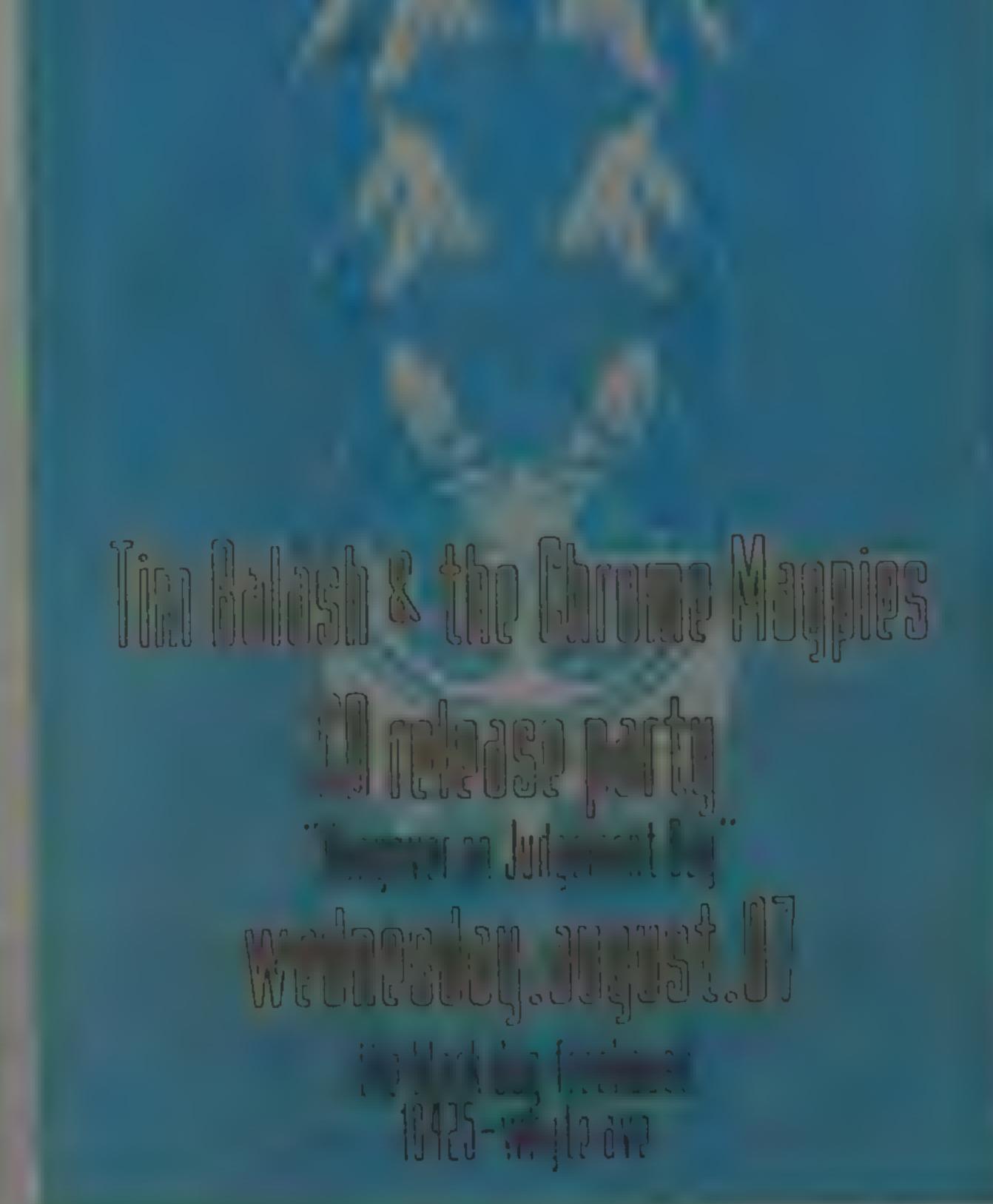
If you didn't speak Englishyou simply concentrated exclusive the Godfrey brothers' languid, a pheric grooves—you could easil take Charango for a terrific, see makeout album, spiced up handful of sharp uptempo raps to: ety. But I do speak English, and I kn that Ishtar-like lines like "Just" things were looking up/You act jua horse's butt" (from "What New Couples Fight About"), not to me the utterly tasteless Slick Rick guest i on "Women Lose Weight" (about man who feels his overweight wife ha left him no other choice but to murden her), would only ruin the romanti mood. TTT -- PAUL MATWYCHUK

just a mite redundant.





OASIS HEATHEN CHEMISTRY (E. 1) It's round five for the Gallagner brand their pals, who return with a rock record after their attempt remaking Rubber Soul, the violation uneven Standing on the Should Grants. And, perhaps taking the from the Beatles' Revolver, Oasis appropriate being Oasis again on Heat's



chemistry, all the while trying to push conductes of their identity. With R de bassist Andy Bell and Heavy quitarist Gem Archer still in the nks, Oasis have shifted gears, cutting ay most of the multi-tracked chaff of replacing it with the odd bit of pedback and—gasp!—simple hooks.

On Heathen Chemistry, the group -s intent on straying far from their al sources even if it means cannibal-... their own catalogue. "Stop Crying our Heart Out" is a virtual rewrite of onderwall," while "The Hindu mes" is more than reminiscent of Supersonic." At least you can't fault bel for doing what he does best. What is different about Heathen Chemistry is ow it captures a new dynamic in the sand's politics. Brother Liam continues play Lennon to Noel's McCartney three songs, including the droning 30m on a Different Cloud," while Bell odles on the bridge track "A Quick gep" and Archer turns in the album's eatiest rocker, "Hung in a Bad Place."

Heathen Chemistry is the right title
stap on the disc, even though it's
ardly a remarkable album compared
the monumental (What's The Story)
orning Glory? Thankfully, it's nowhere
lose to the obnoxious crap heap
nown as Standing on the Shoulder of
iants. Hey, not everybody liked
wolver either. *** *** DAVE JOHNSTON



GREEN DAY SHENANIGANS (REPRISE)

Ins appears to be nothing more than air companion volume to last year's eatest-hits collection, International Derhits, but this compilation of lesser-own releases is a real treat, and not

just for diehard fans and completists. Contract-obligation move by the band or not, the overall quality of the B-s des and other bits and pieces on Shenanigans is better than most of their recent output. The opening attack of "Suffocate" and "Desensitized" are as brutal and razor-sharp as anything from Dookie or Nimrod. Elsewhere, cover version of songs by the Kinks ("Tired of Waiting for You") and the Ramones ("Outsider"), as well as "Espionage," a surf instrumental from the first Austin Powers movie, showcase a band far more capable than their goofball antics might imply. ** *** DAVE JOHNSTON

REEL BIG FISH CHEER UP! (MOJO/JIVE)

Reel Big Fish is as much a ska band as I'm Daffy Duck. What they are is a pack of mangy pop culture thieves, mashing together everything the kids are listening to down in the malls of California and selling it back to them. Ska just happens to be part of the formula.

If that were the truth, you've got to hand it to them, because they've got the finesse to make something like Cheer Up! a genuinely entertaining party album. Rather than satisfy ska purists (who hate this band with a smoking passion), Reel Big Fish steal a little from everyone's plate and spill the bits everywhere with a knowing wink. At once satirical, loving and witty, Cheer Up! accomplishes everything the title promises, tripping through hard rock (the Kiss-sized "Rock 'n' Roll Is Bitchin"), Latin bop ("Sayonara Senorita") and even balladeering ("Drunk" Again"). There's even a decent a cappella version of "New York, New York" and a freaky reference to '80s pop in the melody of "Suckers."

If there's a reason to hate Reel Big Fish, it might be the fact that they're so effortlessly cheerful, clever and talented. For a bunch of clowns, they take their business very seriously, and their message comes through loud and clear as a result. Life's too short to hate bands like this.

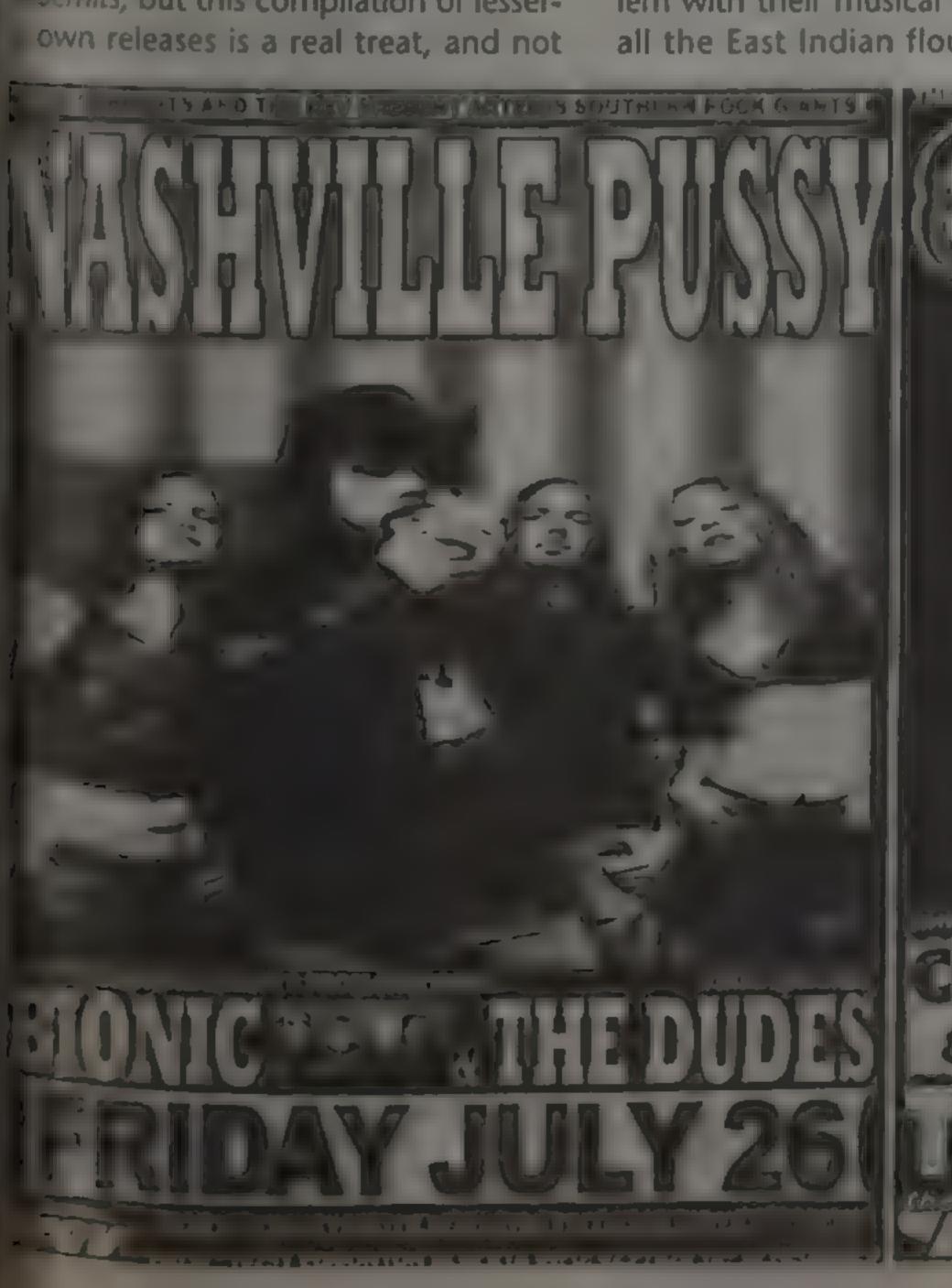
ONE TON ABNORMAL PLEASURES (WEA)

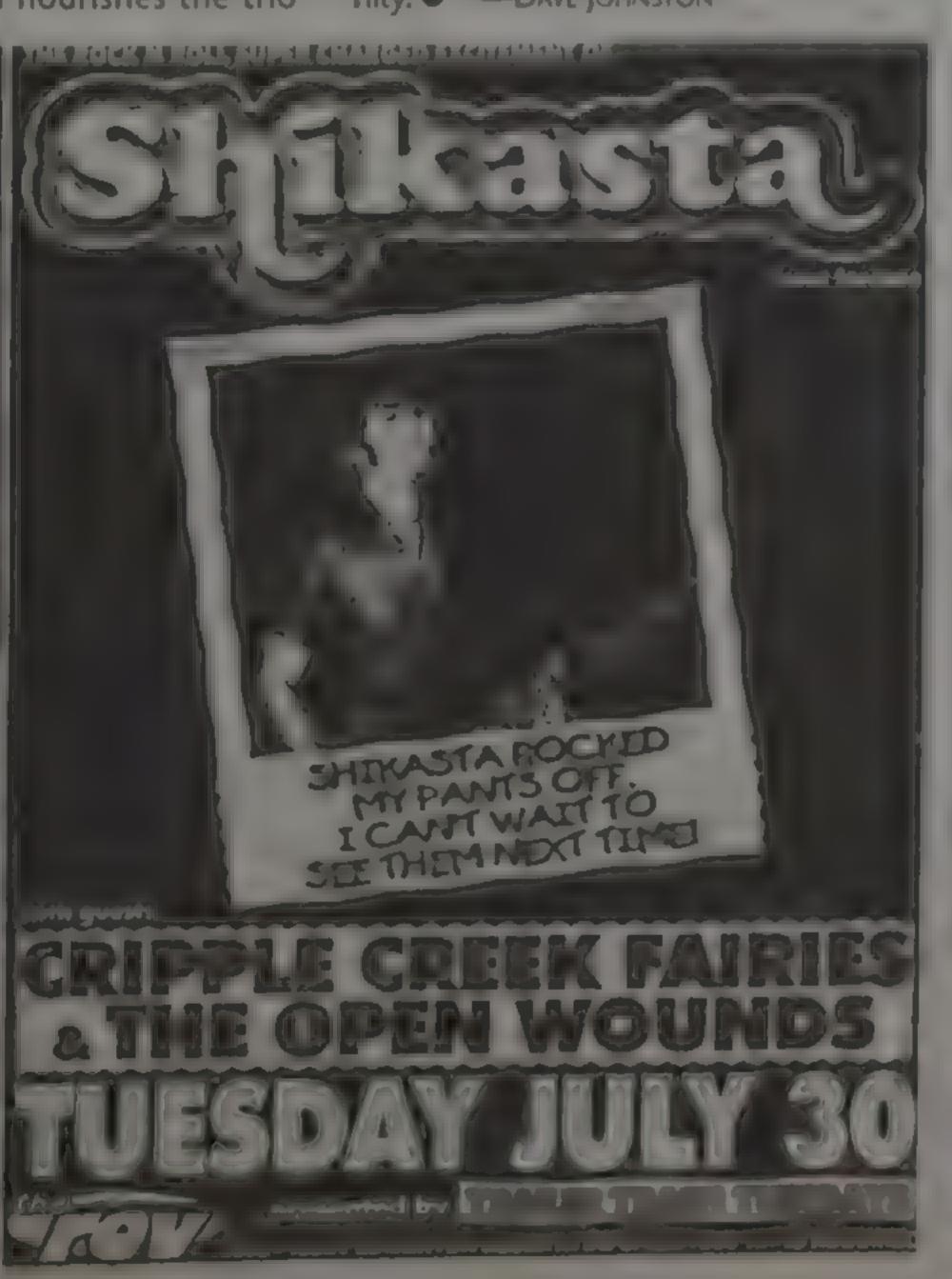
One Ton seem to have a small problem with their musical sensibilities. For all the East Indian flourishes the trio believes will give the'r Europop a son sual underscore. One Tens music ticks even the slightest bubble quin appeal It also doesn't help that they can't write anything more than trite lyrics that vacillate between the downright creepy ("My Heart Belongs to Daddy (Lolita)") to the utterly asinine ("Dolphin Song," which beasts syrupy lines like "Waves undulate lush sparkling marmalade melodies"). It's poetry that exists for the sake of sounding poetic-words for the sake of words instead of a simple, well-delivered phrase that says 10 times as much as the most serpentine clause. Even the production on Abnormal Pleasures is empty and lifeless. As earnest as One Ton may be, they're not as clever as they think. A - DAVE JOHNSTON

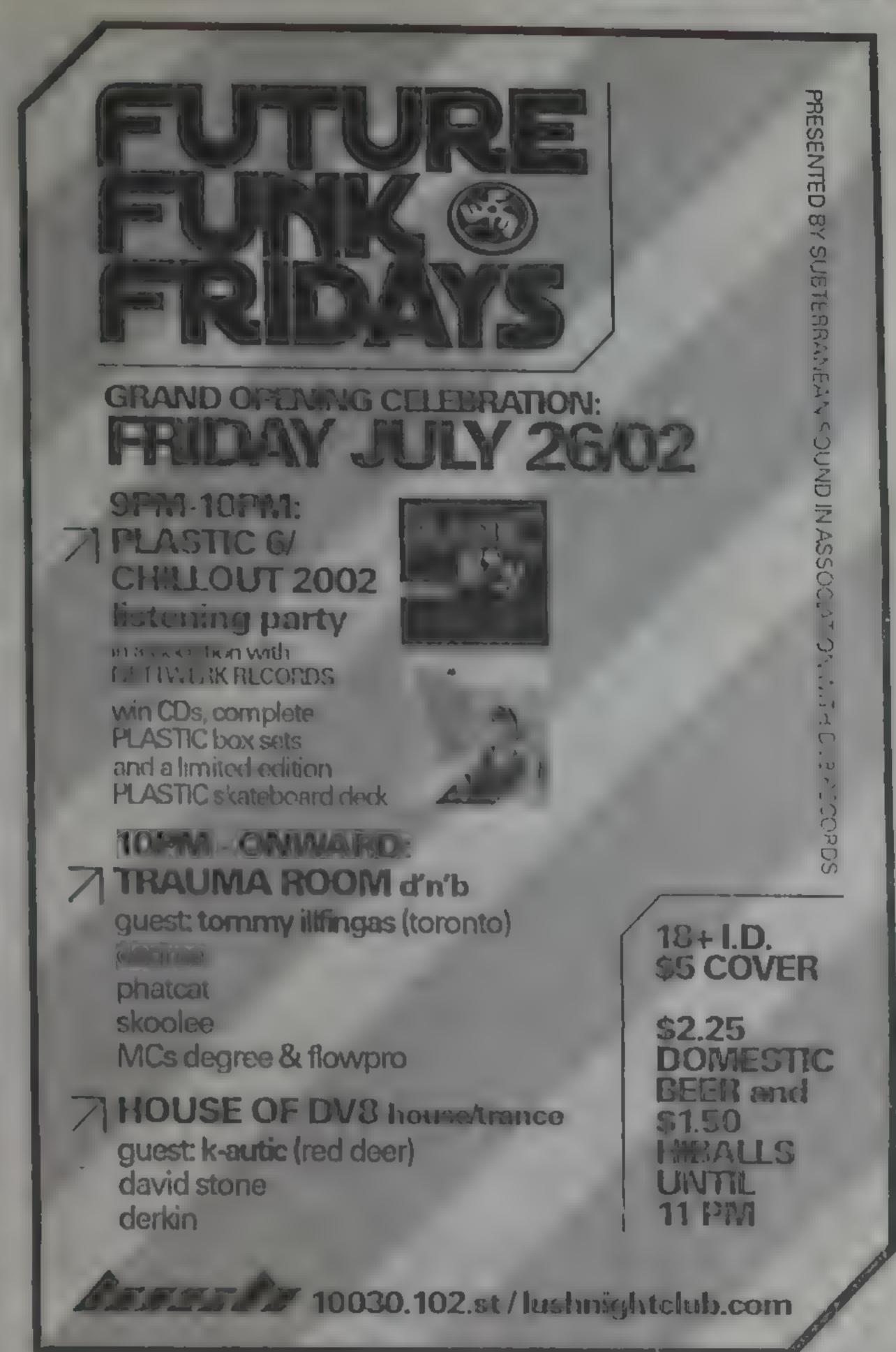


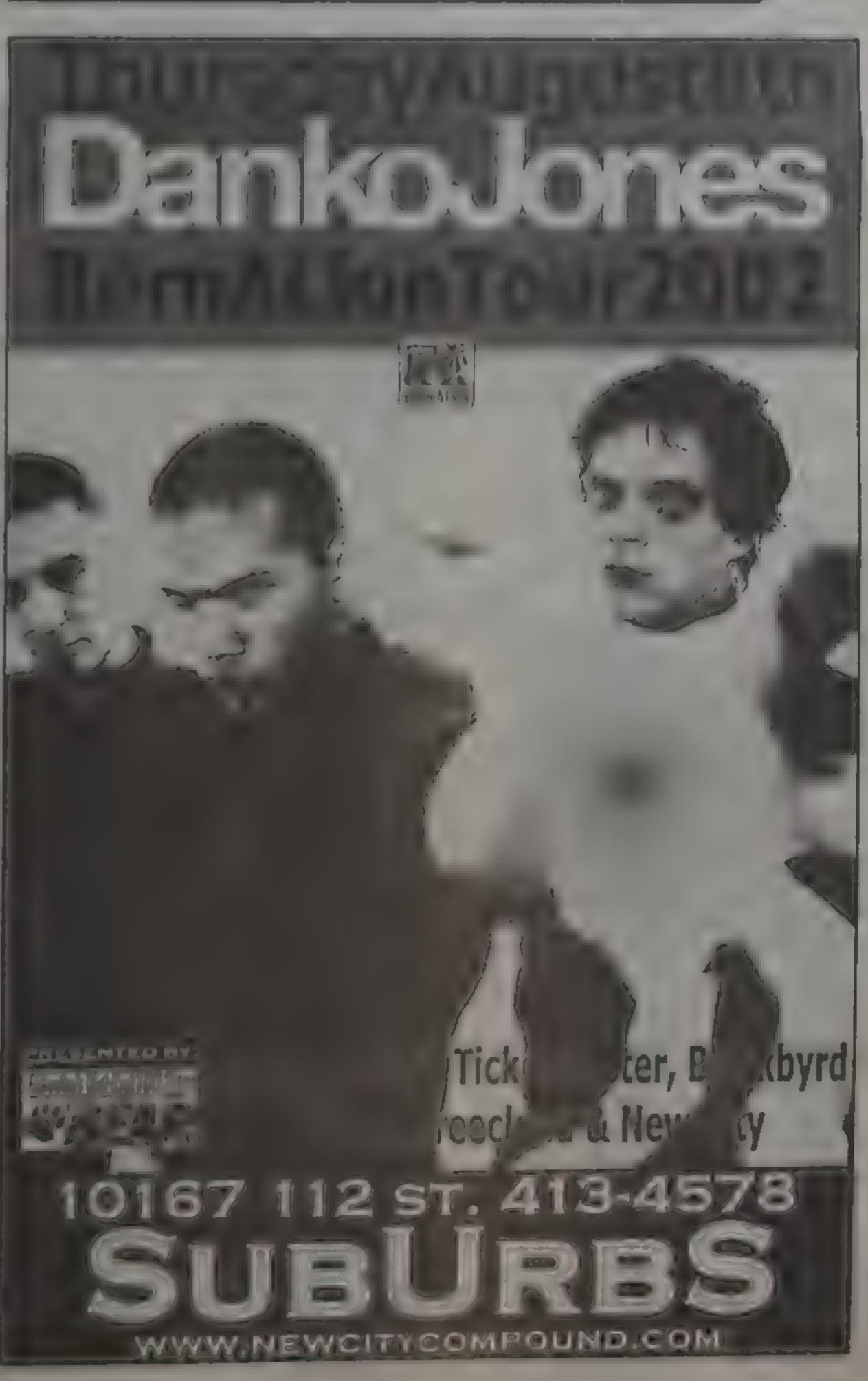
ROBERT PLANT DREAMLAND (UNIVERSAL)

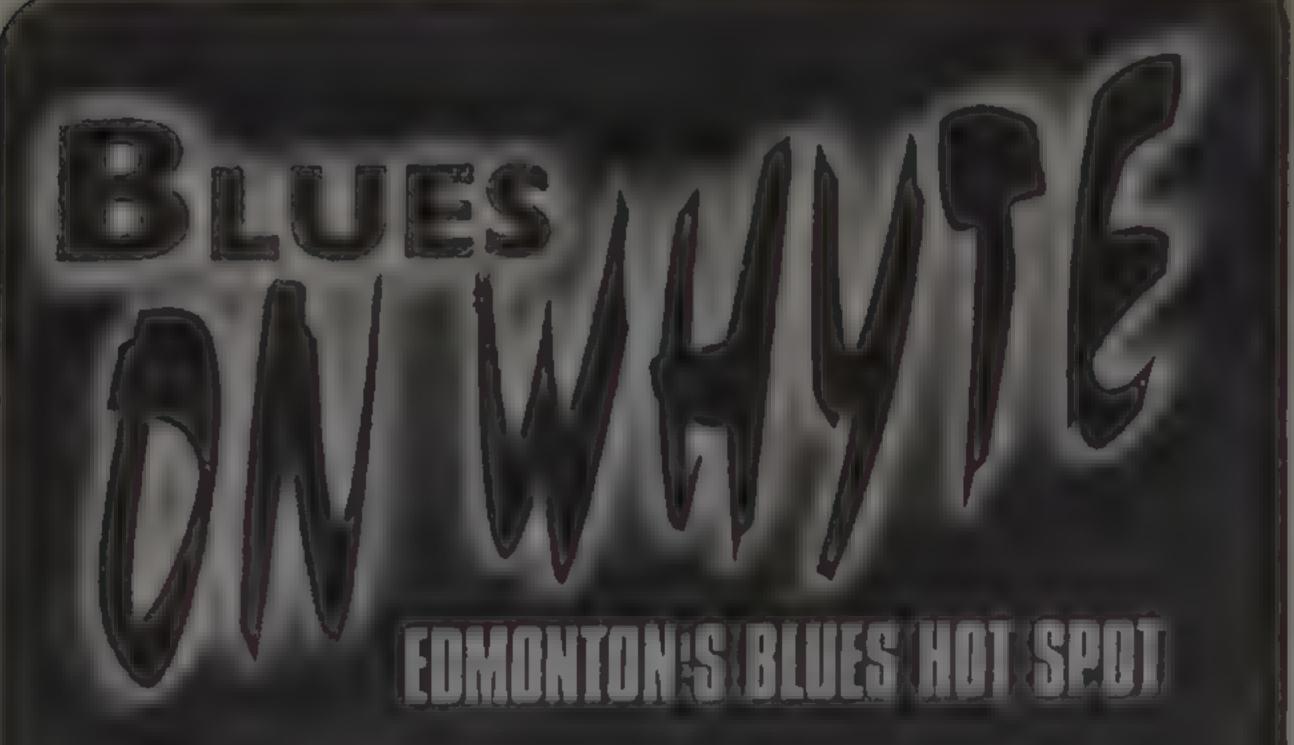
Thirty years ago he ruled over land of ice and snow, ripping his shirt open while mighty gongs crashed and guitars wailed orgasmically, all the while singing about Vaihalla and such. But you can't rock forever, so on Dreamland Plant tums down the volume and softens the notes in an attempt to reinvent himself as a crooner. However, it appears he forgot to turn down the Completely Suck dial. Covers of Bob Dylan, Tim Buckley and a perfectly good Jimi Hendrix classic are completely blown apart by a man unable to move beyond his past. You won't even be able to get past the first track, "Funny in My Mind (I Believe I'm Fixing to Die)." Even at less than five minutes, it'll feel like you've fallen into a vortex and sucked into a purgatory where time and space stretch into eternity. The Dave Johnston











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BLACK DOG FREEHOUSE—10425 Whyte Ave, 439-1082 • TUE: Digital Underdog, hip hop with Sonny Grimezz, C-Sekshun, and Megaforce • SUN: What The Hell, downtempo beats with DJ Tryptomene and Spilt Milk

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Avenue, 425-0850 • FRI: Funktion Friday, with DJ Invinceable, and guests—JUL 19: Generation 2 Vexx • SUN: Ladies Night, with DJ Invinceable, MC J-Money and guests—JULY 28: DJ Fresh and Baby J (Calgary)

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CRISTAL LOUNGE—10336 Jasper Ave, info 426-7521 • SAT: Urban Saturdays, with DJ Al-V, Wayne B and guests,—JUL 27: DJ Fresh and Baby J (Calgary)

ELEPHANT AND CASTLE ON WHYTE— 10314 82 Ave, ph. 439-4545 • TUE: Method, breaks, hip-house with DJ Headspin

EUPHORIA— 4605 - 50 Ave., Red Deer, AB (late night/after hours) • FRI-SAT: deep

house, trance and hard house with residents Sesek, Travisty and Devilish, with guests

FLY BAR—10203-104 St., 421-0992 • THU: Musica del Alma, with Fung (live Latin jazz house fusion music), DJ Remo, Slacks • FRI-SAT: DJ Mikee, downtempo and house •

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with DJs Rich and Shane • THU: Classic
Night, retro with DJ Davey James • FRI:
How Sweet It Is, hip-hop and R&B with
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Those Who Know, with Junior Brown,
Amedeo, Remo Williams and guests • THU
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LUSH/THE REV-10030A-102 St., 424-2851 MON: Rinse, rappin', breakin' and scratchin' with Advice, Punch Brothers, C-Seckshun, Abstract, Choice Kutz; open mic every week • WED: Main-The Classic, retro with DJ Loki; Velvet-progressive house with Ariel & Roel • FRI: Future Funk-main room: The House of DV8, house and progressive with residents David Stone and Derkin with guests—JUL 26: Grand Opening Celebration, w/DJ K-Autic (Red Deer); Velvet: The Trauma Room, drum 'n' bass with residents Degree, Phatcat, Skoolee and guests—JUL 26: Grand Opening Celebration, w/Tommy Illfingas (Toronto) • SAT: Turbo, progressive trance and house with alternating guests-JUL 27: Dr. J (Regina); Velvet: Forties 'n' Nines, with Rerun and Sundog

MAJESTIK—10123-112 St. • MON: Skool, house and tech house with Charlie Mayhern, Anthony Donohue and guests • TUE: DJ Karaoke • THU: House night with residents Tripswitch, Sweetz, Kristoff and guests • FRI: Słammin', hard house and trance with Charlie Mayhem, Crunchee and guests • SAT: Hot Summer Nights, house with Kristoff and guests—JUL 27: Deepsky (US)

NEW CITY COMPOUND—10167-112 St., 413-4578 • TUE: Likwid Lounge—Stellar, Brit Pop, Mod and indie Rock, with DJ Bluejay and Travy D • WED: Suburbs—Atrophere, old school, soul, house and high with Cool Curt and Slacks • FRI: Suburbs Rock, with Simon LeBondage, Blueja. Damage • SAT: Suburbs—Saturday with DJ Blue Jay and Nik Rofeelya • Slochocolate Sundaes, house with Rem Hand Luc and guests

PURE—10551-82 Avenue, 995-PURE •
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Yvo DelCanto and Richard Delamar, re
guests • WED: Live Cargo, live electromusic with DJ Special Agent K and re
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Pop, with Deja DJ

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Ambiguous • FRI: DJs POW, Andreas to jamin, Randall Pink and guests • SAT [
Andreas Benjamin and guests

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Darcy Ryan, S2 • SAT: house with Marc
Mulatto and Locks Garant

THERAPY (late night/after hours, 18+)-10028-102 Street (alley entrance) info 903-7666 • FRI: Upstairs—Gund... Prime & Propa, Tripswitch, LP; Bunker Saki& Spanky, Alias, Charlie Mayhem • Jameel (progressive), Sweetz (break), 5 Thierman (hard flow), Tiff-Slip (funk, house), Crunchee (hard house)

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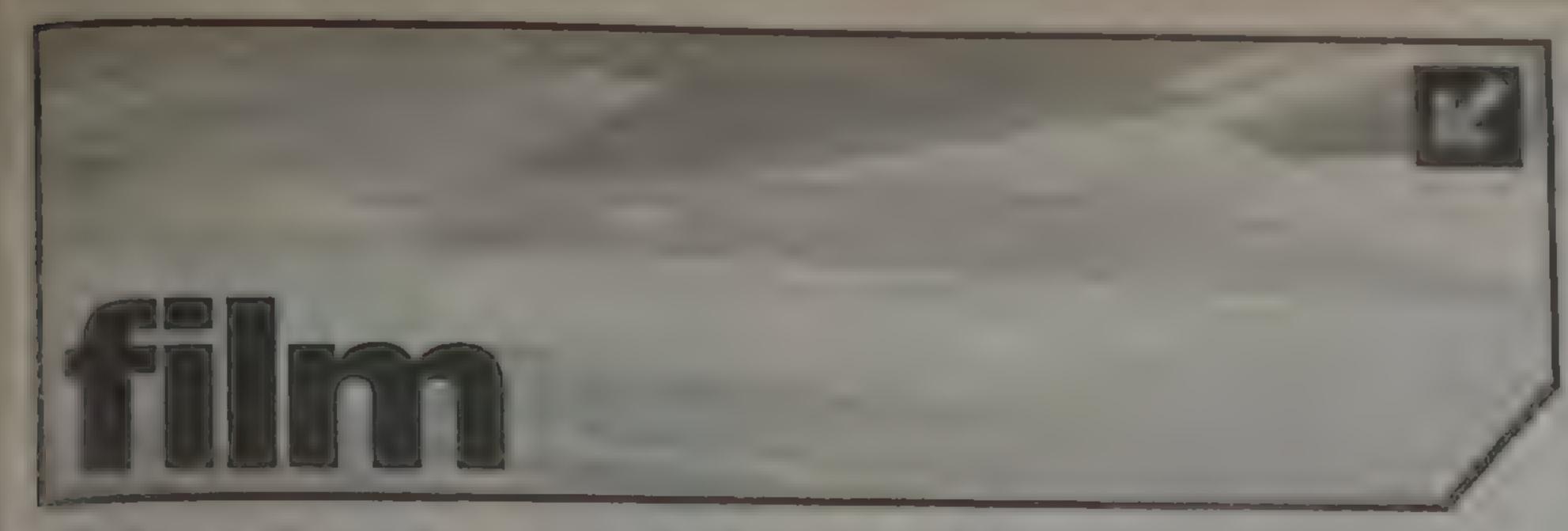
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Sister heartbreak

Lovely and Amazing transcends "chick flick" label with warm, humane comedy

BY JOSEF BRAUN

or a guy, reviewing a film marketed as a "chick flick" (however frustrating that label may be) can be a bit precarious—especially if you tend to like them. Personally, I'll take a movie about, let's say, women bonding amidst a emotional crisis than one about Jean-Claude Van Damme slaughtering evil terrorists any day of the week, and these tendencies can be regarded by some as suspicious or even condescending. But whenever you try to generalize gender interests into some sort of genre, you're bound to wind up insulting someone and encouraging an elitist audience—which, speaking as someone who likes all sorts of movies, just pisses me off. Thankfully, there are movies like writer/director Nicole Holofcener's Lovely and Amazing, which is simultaneously a definitive chick flick if there ever was one (meaning that it's quite distinctly about female experience), and an anti-chick flick, because it transcends the label with a touch so light and smart it never has to bother trying to win over your sympathies to either sex.

There is a scene about midway through the film that exemplifies my meaning perfectly. Lovely and Amazing, prototypically, is about three sisters (but not so prototypically, two of these sisters are white, thirtysomething and middle-class, while one is the adopted, eight-yearold, girlishly chubby, black orphan of a crackhead). Middle sister Elizabeth (Emily Mortimer) is a struggling film actress with perfectly normal insecurities about her physicality given her profession. To her great surprise, she finds herself one evening sleeping with a famous male movie star, and after sex, she boldly leaps out of bed, stands before him naked and asks him to coldly scrutiflize her body for flaws. The guy is, of course, embarrassed (he is, after all, clearly beguiled by her), but goes through with it as best he can.

A dame in a frame

I hroughout this scene, Holofcener appears uneasy with Mortimer's nudi-



ty. The cuts are jittery, the framing unsure and inconsistent. For a moment, I thought about how clumsy the camerawork seemed; a moment later I thought, "Yeah, and how perfect! How perfectly the camera mimics a guy trying to know where to look, what to look at and especially how to look." And issues of body image are not addressed herein with an overbearing political agenda; Holofcener graciously assumes her audience is more than famillar with this wellworn subject. Such insecurities don't define characters, but help mould them (males included), because they're just a simple fact of life. This scene is indicative of Holofcener's overall approach; Lovely and Amazing

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is a movie that dances along the loosest of ensemble-driven narratives, that chooses to allude to themes instead of announcing them, and that's often willing to stumble around a bit (falling once or twice) to find the most resonant emotional truth in the most warmly humourous way it can

Holofcener's characters are brought together through a series of episodes linked by the surprisingly complicated liposuction surgery of family matriarch Jane (the thoroughly charming Brenda Blethyn), which magnifies the sisters' individual eccentricities as well as their commonalities. Eldest sister Michelle (Catherine Keener) is a frustrated would-be artist (she makes cornylooking little chairs out of twigs) and an equally frustrated mother and wife in a sexually dormant marriage. Her advice to anyone in any stressful situation is to tell everyone else to fuck off—a suggestion symptomatic of her never having held down a regular job. She's woken out of her stasis after arbitrarily accepting employment at a one-hour photo lab where she works under a 17-year-old (the

strangely sexy, totally goofy Jake Gyllenhaal of Donnie Darko) with a giant crush on her. Keener specializes in icy, tactless characters, and Michelle was written specially for her unique, tiendishly likable shtick (the way she tosses off a line like "Just think: 10" pounds of fat!" as she abruptly leaves her mother's hospital room is priceless)—yet Keener does the most lovely and amazing things with her. (Sorry, couldn't resist.) She wears vulnerability throughout the film like an ill-fitting sweater, showing it off in her awkward way as if to say, "See I'm trying to be nice!"

Take a load off, Annie

And, finally, the character who brings out these different shades in both Michelle and Elizabeth most clearly is little Annie (the very unprecious Raven Goodwyn), who turns out to be the most elusive and curious of the trio due to her preternatural ability to observe the weirdness in her family's behaviour and her confusion over her own identity. Is she destined to take after her neurotic adoptive family? Is she different because slie's black? Will her attractive sisters look down on her if she grows up to be overweight? The great thing about Lovely and Amazing is that it doesn't feel any obligation to provide hard answers to these questions, or any others. To do so would go against the film's unassuming vibe and spoil all the fun. Things eventually lead to what initially seems like an obligatory all-girl sleepover scene, but Holofcener subverts our expectations with a quiet, unpretentious concluslon that simply tries to restore some order for Jane's return home from the hospital-not that there was all that much order to begin with. O

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It's debtor in Jamaica

Life and Debt is the most sobering globalization exposé you'll ever see

BY JOSEF BRAUN

roducer-director Stephanie Black's Life and Debt is a documentary about the dire state of the Jamaican economy as it gradually disintegrates under the socalled assistance of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, organizations ostensibly designed to promote economic growth and prosperity. Brilliantly and soberly conceived and executed, Black's film performs a good oldfashioned cinematic feat by taking a complex situation and, while fully acknowledging its complexity, renders it so plainly that absolutely anyone can comprehend what it's all about (a task that, by all appearances, the IMF and the World Bank have worked very hard to avoid).

Initially, Life and Debt seems to be addressing a very particular audience. Voice-over narration, adapted by Jamaica Kincaid from her book A Small Place, speaks directly to tourists who travel to Jamaica to release themselves from their day-to-day concerns and enjoy its beautiful landscape and consistent good weather (one of the hotels Black's camera enters actually guarantees sunshine), describing what a tourist generally sees during their typical four-to-ten-day visit. Beyond the protective curtain of luxury resort compounds and the quaint, superfi-

cial atmosphere of relaxation and leisure surrounding it, Kincaid methodically reveals the realities of a country devastated by a \$4.5 billion debt to organizations who enforce interest rates and a multitude of stipulations that make it virtually impossible to ever pay them back or attain the state of self-sufficiency they initially promised; a country crippled by trade policies that allow wealthy countries to undercut prices to such a degree that imported goods become more affordable than those locally grown and supplied. "When you sit down to eat your delicious meal," Kincaid informs us, "you probably don't know that everything you're eating came off of a boat from

[read] documentary

Miami." Black's intention is not merely to force guilt upon middle-class tourists (in fact, Life and Debt says nothing that directly condemns tourism as a rule), but simply to increase tourists' level of consciousness, or, as the above quote implies, to see just what it is they're consuming.

No small potatoes

Even if Black had maintained a Globalization for Dummies tone for the entirety of her film, Life and Debt still would have been a noble, highly significant achievement, if perhaps less informative for the converted. But the film only begins by limning the most basic problems of externallycontrolled capital. From there, Black systematically provides detailed

Insight into how globalization has negatively effected almost every conceivable corner of Jamaican industry and contributed to overwhelming unemployment rates. Poultry farmers go out of business because whitemeat-loving Americans can sell their low-grade refuse at cut-rate prices; dairy farmers dump gallons of milk because powdered milk imported from the U.S. (where the dairy industry receives massive subsidies) is more affordable for Jamaica's majority of low-income families; likewise, fruit and vegetable farmers cannot afford to sell their products in a market inundated with imported produce (such as potatoes from the heavily subsidized Idaho potato industry).

Most disturbingly, the film examines the case the U.S. brought to the World Trade Organization to remove Britain's Lome Convention quota, which allowed Jamaica a tax-free Import quota for 105,000 tons of bananas a year to England, so that the already pervasive, U.S.-owned Chiquita and Dole corporations can more easily monopolize the world banana market. Those companies grow their bananas in Central America, where cheaper labour (those picky Jamaicans won't work for a dollar a day) and increased rainfall make production more efficient. But what also sustains this efficiency are events like the 1993 strike at Chiquita farms in Colombia, where protests for better wages were settled with gunfire and the slaughter of 40 workers. (And if you think that sounds undemocratic, try figuring the logic in the IMF's policy system, which grants a greater percentage of its vote

nal laws. When strikes are attempted here, people aren't killed; they're just

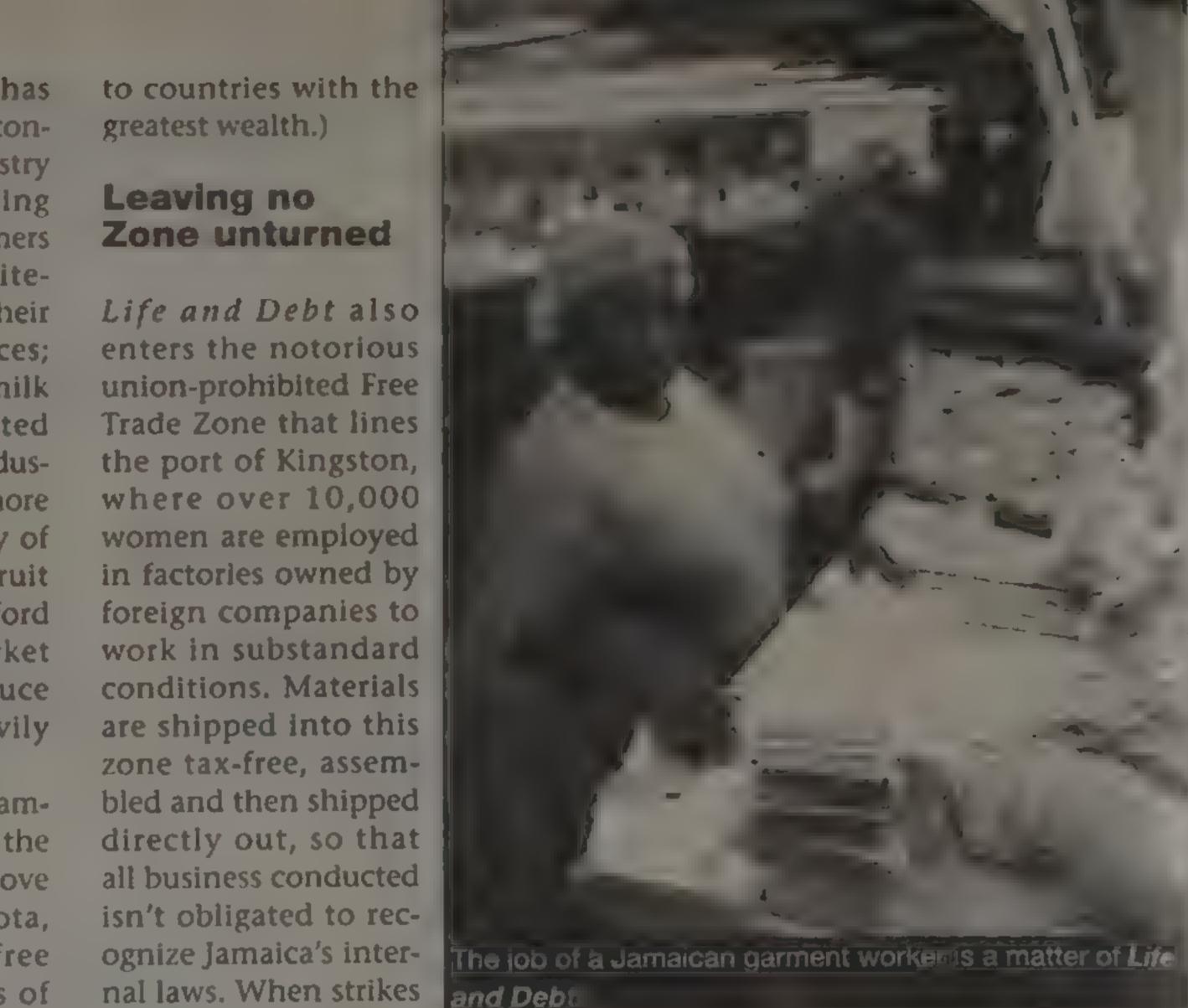
promptly fired. Black constructs her film from the testimonies of all parties involved, with a particular emphasis on compelling interviews with former Jamaican Prime Minister Michael Manley, who was elected on a non-IMF platform in 1976, only to surrender to signing an IMF agreement in 1977 after exhausting viable alternatives. The approach here is an impassioned one, but not at all naïve or cynical—think of it as intelligent anger, fueled by a genuine love for Jamaica and a desire for a better future. You won't find the sort of manipulative leftist propaganda of a

film like This Is What Democraci Looks Like creeping into Black's misc en-scène, because she trusts the bare facts to speak for themselves. You might fear that Life and Debt wil leave you feeling depressed and powerless with this wealth of knowledge. but what Black so eloquently imports is that knowledge itself is power. I encourage you, everyone—no matter what your political biases—to please

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Cries and whiskers

Despite all that expensive CGI, Stuart Little 2 has loads of oldfashioned charm

BY PAUL MATWYCHUK

tuart Little 2, with its square soundtrack, its yuppified setting and its emphasis on small-scale familial adventures instead of gleeful, citywide destruction, will never enjoy the same hipster cachet as The Powerpuff Girls Movie (which also deals with an ordinary, loving parent trying to figure out the proper, most responsible way of raising decidedly out-ofthe-ordinary adopted children)-but it's arguably a much more accomplished movie. There's a tossed-off, "what the hell" quality to The Powerpuff Girls, a feeling that every little detail hasn't been fussed over for weeks, that gives the film a feeling of tremendous spontaneity and energy. It's like a big bowl of sugary cereal sweet, fast, fun, but so devoid of nutrition as to be utterly disposable.

Stuart Little 2, on the other hand, has its origins in a book instead of a TV show, and so, while its rhythms

may be slower and its sensibility a little more old-fashioned, it allows you sink into its world the way you sink into the illustrations of a children's book. I laughed a few times at The Powerpuff Girls Movie, but when it was over, I was more than ready to leave the theatre after having had my senses jangled for 80 minutes straight and I had a hard time imagining what kind of hyperactive children's audience the studio imagined this film was designed for. (In fact, I doubt whether any kids' movie that opens with an extended parody of

children's

The Big Lebowski has any sincere interest in entertaining children whatsoever.) But I wouldn't have minded remaining a little while longer in Stuart Little 2's idealized version of New York, where a talking mouse can drive his miniature car along the sidewalk without anyone looking the least bit shocked as he motors nimbly around their shoes. Townsville, the setting of The Powerpuff Girls, is nothing more than a collection of geometric shapes that exists solely for its miniature heroine to destroy over and over again. In Stuart Little 2, whenever something

gets broken or lost, no matter how small it may be, the characters will spend the entire film trying to retrieve or repair it. A small thing can have large significance: that's a nice theme for a children's film to have.

The cat and the canary

The story that illustrates that theme

is slight but sweet. Polite, mousy little Stuart (voiced by Michael J. Fox, animated by millions of dollars' worth of software) continues to chafe under the control of his overprotective adoptive mother (Geena Davis), who discourages his every attempt to explore the great big world on his own like a normal-sized kid; she worries, not unreasonably, that Stuart will get squished the moment he leaves her sight. Stuart's depression lifts, however, when he meets Margalo (Melanie Griffith, giving her best performance in 15 years), an injured, orphaned female canary who stays with the Littles while her wing heals—and as Stuart blinks his tiny black eyes at her and she blinks her shiny brown ones back at him, it's obvious that romance is in the air. But Margalo turns out to be part of a plot hatched by a cruel falcon (voice of James Woods) to steal Mrs. Little's wedding ring, and the last half hour

Pick up someone your own size! Melanie Griffith and Michael J. For De 11 thearts in Stuart Little 2

of the film involves Stuart's quest to get that prized family token back.

There are plenty of times during this movie—especially the scenes involving the impossibly loving and cheery Mr. and Mrs. Little-where you wish the film had more of a subversive Powerpuff streak. Too many of the scenes end unsatisfactorily, with screenwriters Douglas Wick and Bruce Joel Rubin settling for mild half-jokes instead of figuring out that one inspired bit of business or zingy line of dialogue that would keep things really popping. (These tend to be the scenes where Nathan Lane remains offscreen as the cranky, pampered cat Snowbell; Snowbell is the funniest character onscreen. albeit the most inexpressively animated.) On the other hand, Stuart's climactic showdown with the falcon

is genuinely exciting—even, and

blush to say this, kind of thrilling. Stuart Little 2 isn't quite good enough for me to recommend to anyone who won't be bringing kids with them to the theatre, but for parents who will, it'll seem like an oasis amidst most of this summer's kids' movies. Like the Littles' house—an ivy-covered brownstone nestled incongruously between two enormous Manhattan skyscrapersit's a bastion of old-fashioned calm within a soulless, intimidating modern landscape. O

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er/director Leon Ichaso's Princer 12 15 at Charme Come Of a film that really, really needed Oscar nomination if it was going to ccced at the box office. And for a title, there was a certain Oscar buzz bund the performance by clean-cut netime Law and Order regular Benamin Bratt as legendary Puerto Rican iguel Piñero. Bratt certainly ticks off lot of boxes on the Oscar checklist: e's a handsome actor who hides his natural pretty-boy good looks (check!) o play a real-life figure (check!) who tied tragically (check!) and was addictto drugs and alcohol (check!) in a novie distributed by Miramax (doule-check!). But when Piñero came up hort at Oscar season, suddenly all 'iramax had on their hands was a Jownbeat, low-budget biopic about a unkie playwright—and after a token dease in a couple of larger markets, inero has now arrived in Edmonton deo stores. (The film was dumped so ceremoniously that its Canadian istributor, Alliance Atlantis, doesn't ren feature it on their website.)

I wish I could give this story a

happy ending by reporting that once again, those short-sighted, philistine movie studios failed to recognize what a wonderful movie they had on their hands, and that you should rush out immediately and rent this ill-treated gem and give it the audience it deserves. Unfortunately, Piñero turns out to be a well-intentioned but ultimately frustrating and uninvolving picture that fails to bring its fascinating subject to life. Miguel Piñero was born in 1948 in Puerto Rico; his family moved to

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New York seven years later, and 18 years after that, he was serving a jail sentence for armed robbery. And yet, within two years, a play he wrote while still in jail, Short Eyes, was produced on Broadway by Joseph Papp and won the 1974 New York Drama Critics Circle Award for best play of the year. Piñero would continue to live the literary and the criminal life pretty much simultaneously until he died in 1988—Ichaso's film even depicts Piñero and a buddy mugging a couple of girls for their fur coats the night of Short Eyes' premiere.

Beat on the Bratt

In the making-of documentary that's included on the *Pinero* DVD, Bratt suggests that Piñero's renegade, crimi-

nal behaviour provided him with the energy and the adrenaline that he needed to sustain his creativity. That's a provocative idea, but it's one that Ichaso fails to dramatize-and that's the film's main failing. You never really understand the inner turmoff or the anger or the simple, restless desire for danger and high adventure that led l'inero to tuck up his life on such a regular basis. In fact, Ichaso hops back and torth in Pritero's life so chaotically that you really can't figure out what's motivating Pinero's behaviour at am point in this movie. I can understand: Ichaso's decision to a certain extent Pinero's story arc is such a familiat one that Ichaso probably decided that scrambling the chronology would help the tilm avoid doomed-artist clichés. But Ichaso isn't enough of a technician to make this faucy style seem organic—his tlash-forwards, his handheld photography, his constantly changing camera angles, his switchovers from black-and-white to colour are clumsy and rhythmless, and only suffer in comparison to the confident rhythms of Pinero's own work, numerous excerpts from which Ichaso has stuffed into his film

Bratt's not bad in the role—he conveys the energy and the hustler's charm that made Piñero seem lik able even while cadging spare change from his friends—but Icha so's cut-up style really doesn't allow him to build a coherent performance. (That's not true of actors in



smaller roles like Glancarlo Esposito, who plays Pinero's mentor Miguel Algarin, or Mandy Patinkin, who does a sly evocation of Joseph Papp.) In the making of documentary, Ichaso says that in his research, practically everyone he talked to told him "a great Pinero story."

You'd think he could have included a tew of them in his movie. O

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My pet monster

- al Hartley 86es commercial breakthrough with

JOSEF BRAUN

nyone faced with marketing a Hal Hartley movie has it ough. Though the distinctive iter/director/composer has been tilingly labelled as "avant-garde" e to his idiosyncratic sense of Imour, stagy blocking and prefere for ultra-deadpan delivery (only rtley could have turned Martin Movan into a movie star—and I'm I he did), the guy's movies aren't ywhere near as inaccessible or ord of immediate pleasure and recnizable characters as that label ght imply. Still, Hartley didn't he things any easier with what , I think, meant to be his commerbreakthrough, a nutty little movie 1 No Such Thing, his first feain the four years since Henry Fool. Despite the presence of Sarah Pol-Helen Mirren and Julie Christie in mention executive producer ficis Ford Coppola), No Such Thing from mainstream entertainment. ding Hartley's vision beyond the Coast suburbia of his most poputilms to Iceland (another producer mmaker Fridrik Thor Fridriksson), herome must endure the world's M Painful surgery before meeting a

mythical—if decidedly un-scary—monster living in a remote forgotten missile silo, with whom she re-enacts a goofy, anti-media-driven spin on the Beauty and the Beast fable. It's not hard to see why this very peculiar picture barely caused a blip upon its initial release and is now making its Edmonton debut not at the arthouses, but the video store.

Did Hartley deliberately sabotage his chance at a larger audience? The subject matter of No Such Thing seems to point in that direction. One of the film's key themes is our culture's loss of wonder, faith, patience and fear (all of which are required to enjoy No Such

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Thing), and the engine of the story is —the media, embodied by Mirren's ruthless TV news producer. The cold amorality of corporate-driven media is, admittedly, a tired subject for satire, and the accusations Hartley makes here are pretty base; but his approach is pleasantly unfussy, and he gives Mirren's character lots of blunt, fast-and-dirty dialogue reminiscent of the screwball comedies of Preston Sturges.

A fling with a Thing

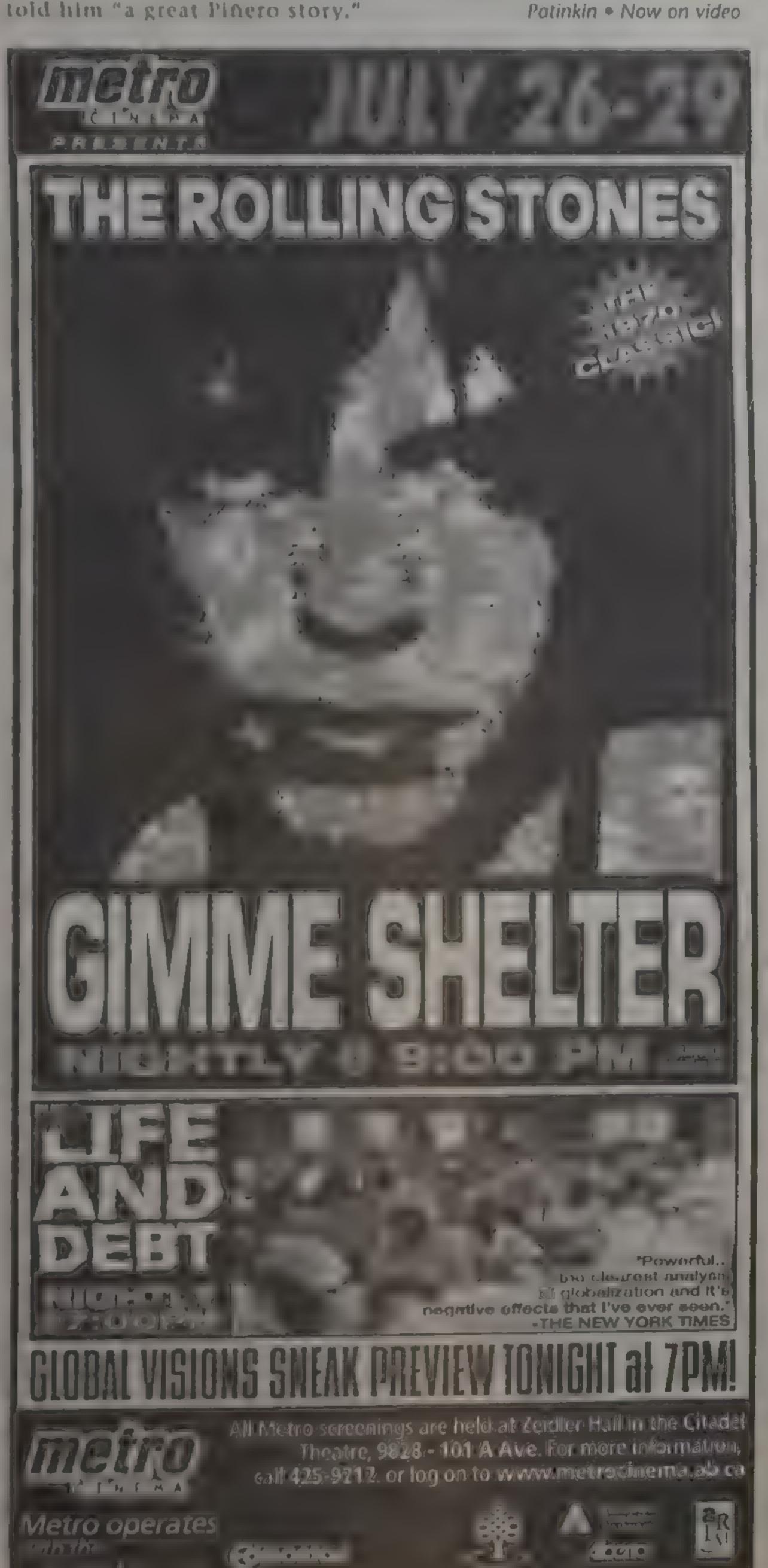
Sturges's sensibility seeps into other aspects of No Such Thing—for instance, the banter between Polley's Burke's melancholy, misanthropic

monster. About halfway through the tilm, they meet and develop a bond only to immediately set off for wild adventure! (Hartley's short film The Book of Life deposited Jesus In mod ern-day New York City, and his exploration here of how society responds to a monster has similar resonance.) Hartley's storyline takes these characters all over the map; and if anything, it's the restless hairpin turns of his narrative that will give most viewers problems with No Such Thing. It takes a particularly dogged kind of viewer to follow Hartley around.

For clarity's sake, I should say that I found the journey far less taxing than several other critics did. Hart ley's unique, lulling thythmis consistently draw me in; indeed, his sense of rhythm seems more masterful to me with each passing film, even in a less successful effort like No Such Thing, which suffers from Hartley's less-than-skillful storytelling and a somewhat clumsy way with allegory Hartley's score inventively echoes the music of Rachel Grimes, Yo La Tengo and DJ Nobukazu Takemura, and editor Steve Hamilton provides Hartley's scenes with endlessly playful punctuation, culminating in a dazzling climax and flashing lights, bleeps and bloops and awestruck faces that alone is worth the rental price. O

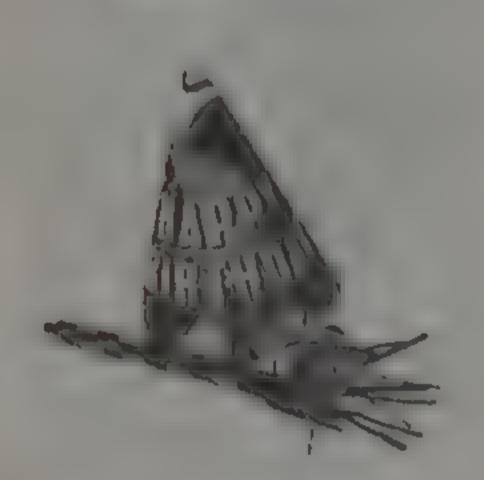
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Bad accents and cornball dialogue sink K-19: The Widowmaker

BY JOSEF BRAUN

s it possible? Did Tom Clancy really have nothing to do with Paramount's wooden submarine movie K-19: The Widowmaker? [Wooden submarines? Those Russians really were technologically backward! —Ed.J Because it has all the lamest Clancy ingredients down to a T: endless silly technical jargon (the most memo-

rable being "crush r depth"), fetishized hardware (which in a submarine movie

is reduced to turning keys, pulling levers, flashing lights and deploying mega-phallic missiles), inane dialogue ("He did It! He turned himself into a hero!") and, worst of all, a ploddingly obvious pro-democratic message for the Russians (the day isn't quite saved until the stodgy old captain asks his weary crew to vote for one of two fates). But then, to give credit where it's due, I must admit that I don't think Clancy ever wrote anything quite this dumb.

Directed by Kathryn Bigelow and written by American playwright Christopher Kyle (who wrote the

screenplay for Bigelow's The Weight of Water) from a story by Australian playwright Louis Nowra (who wrote the screenplay for Heaven's Burning), K-19 actually begins with the exact same "trick" opening as the current adaptation of Clancy's The Sum of All Fears. We see some serious-looking military types preparing to launch a nuclear warhead—but just when they finally push the button we realize... Phew! It was only a drill. Almost had you there, huh? Also like Sum of All Fears, K-19 exploits our substantial collective fear of nuclear holocaust to generate cheap Hollywood tension.

Set upon a Soviet nuclear missile sub on its maiden voyage to test

> missiles in the Arctic in 1961. K-19 is designed to show us another exam-

ple of "just how close we came" to the unfathomable during the height of the Cold War. "Inspired by real events," the story relayed here, in which the Russlans nearly caused a nuclear meltdown at sea, is indeed a terrifying one to contemplate. But aside from that, and despite the novelty of Hollywood making a movie with exclusively Russian characters, the film is sur-

vir. Submarine: Harrison Ford and Liam Neeson avoid each other's glances in Karg The Widowmaker

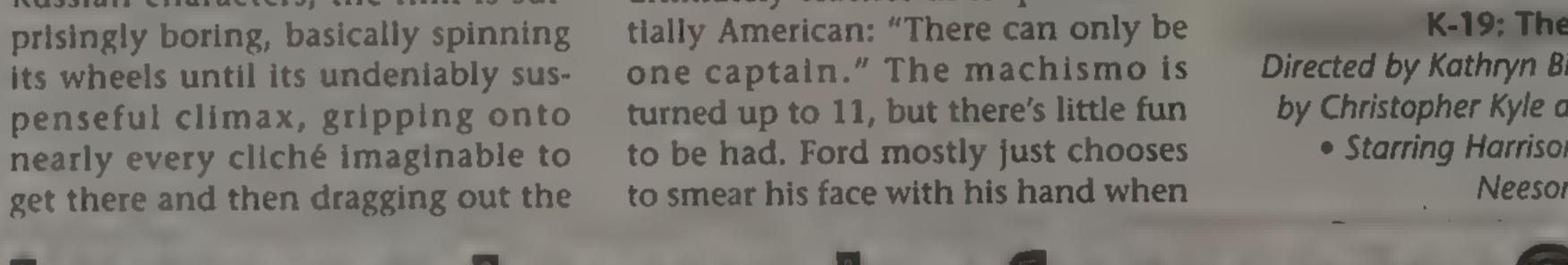
subsequent denouement for a painfully long time.

Shamrock summit

The central and most mundane cliché in K-19 is the buddy/enemy relationship between the sub's former Captain Polenin (Liam Neeson with a vaguely Russian accent) and its new one, Captain Vostrikov (Harrison Ford, sounding more Irish than Neeson). The crew trusts their old pal Polenin but have to submit to the hard-edged Vostrikov, who pushes them to the limit "so that they know where it is." The lesson that Polenin ultimately teaches us is quintessenhe's stressed. (in these moment.) almost thought I could hear him whispering a mantra: "I'm the wealthiest actor in the world....")

K-19's real crew isn't in the be but behind the camera. Bigelow and cinematographer Jeff Cronenwet (Fight Club) make the film watchable with superbly claustrophobic, disqui. etingly tight shots inside and along the vessel. And the masterful Walter Murch (Apocalypse Now) edits the tricky action shots with supremely delicate fluidity. But unlike the brave crew of the K-19, even these talented soldiers couldn't save this dud from sinking like a rock. O

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Is this a Jagger I see before me?

You can watch the '60s come to an end onscreen in searing Gimme Shelter

BY JOSEF BRAUN

the Rolling Stones' disastrous free concert at the Altamont Speedway outside San Francisco on December 6, 1969 is an event of rock and counterculture legend, regarded iconically (and rather convincingly) as the end of the '60s. The event, which resulted in four deaths, became a tragedy with no centre, no single tangible individual or group

to lay the blame on, aside from the Stones' questionable decision to

hire the local branch of the Hell's Angels-not exactly the most hippie-loving fellows imaginable—to work the gig as security. But the Stones did not place pool cues and knives in the Angels' paws, nor did they encourage the intense antagonism between the Angels and the 300,000 fans in attendance, many of them out of their heads on cheap acid. In a case such as this one, not even 30 years of hindsight illuminates precisely what went wrong.

When Albert and David Maysles and Charlotte Zwerin started the film that would finally become Gimme Shelter, it was intended as a simple rockumentary about the Stones' successful American tour. They captured some excellent (if Jagger-fixated) concert footage that found the band in superb form, playing some of their very best material with great energy and Jagger at peak showmanship, gleefully teasing the audience about what's inside his trousers and strutting across the stage like some sort of preacher/peacock hybrid. Gimme Shelter's fun, light-hearted origins is one of the keys to its remarkable power, because it makes the shock on the faces of everyone involved that much more real.

The first images we see are of the band performing an ecstatic "Jumpin' Jack Flash" in New York. The camera then pulls back to reveal Jagger, Watts

and others in the Maysles' editing [man] (documentally room, looking gravely at the

> footage as they listen to radio broadcasts regarding Altamont. It's an effective opening, and it's followed by more on-the-road footage leading up to Altamont interlaced with scenes of post mortem contemplation. We see how hastily the concert was pulled together by the Stones' associates while the band relaxes and records some of what became Sticky Fingers. The second half of the film is devoted to following the escalation of tensions at Altamont, which began with the very first late atternoon opening act, the Flying Burrito Brothers, who end their "Six Days on the Road" with the amiable Gram Parsons politely—and fruitlessly—asking peo

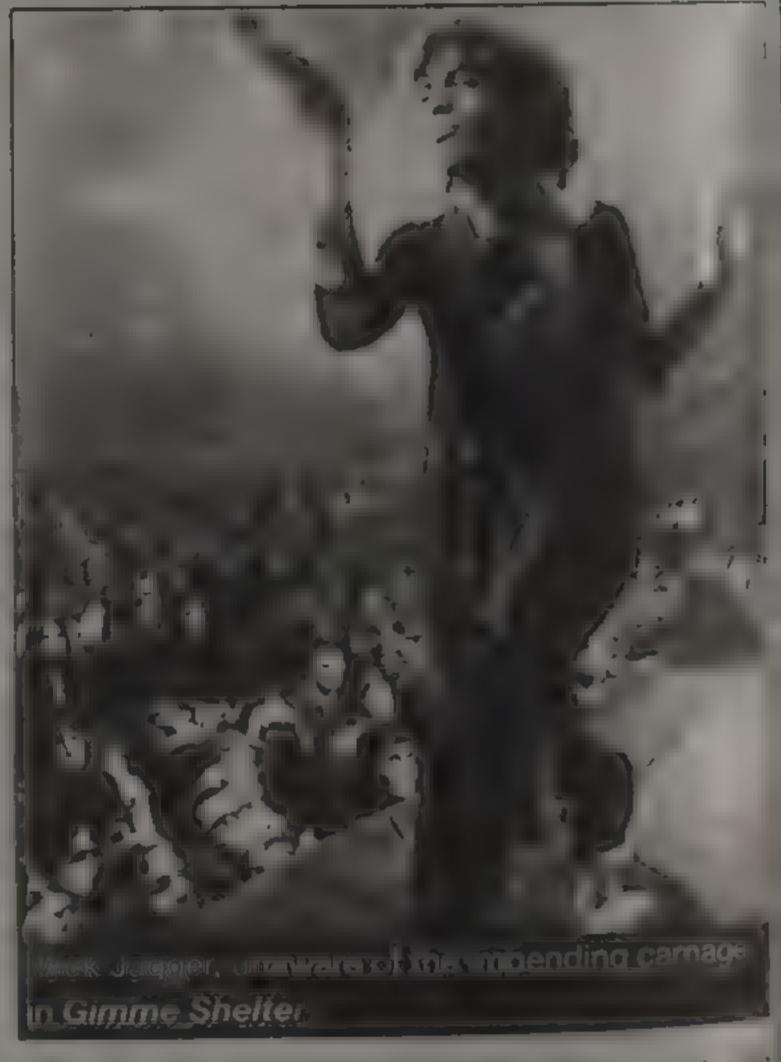
ple in the crowd to stop hurting each other.

Angels in America

The Burritos were followed by Jefferson Airplane, who were themselves attacked onstage, and Tina Turner, whose magnificent, incredibly erotic rendition of "I've Been Loving You Too Long" was perhaps the evening's sole moment of relative tranquillity. By the time the Stones took the stage, it seems as though there was nothing they could have done to prevent the chaos that had already erupted. Yet, while the visibly upset Jagger and Keith Richards plead with both the Angels and the crowd to calm down, the

choice of material they performed seems outrageously ironic. "Sympathy for the Devil," "Under My Thumb": are there any songs in the pantheon of popular rock music more dark and twisted than these? Jagger hardly got through the first line of the latter before the fatal stabbing and psychotic beating of Meredith Hunter, an 18-year-old black man, erupted within 30 feet of the stage. So much for Woodstock, peace and love.

The Stones had been pushing the envelope for years with their controversial style and subject matter, but of course they are no more to blame for the violence than Barry Manilow is to blame for spawning a generation of



weenies. The events at Altamont sea the band reeling, it aged them and it arguable they were never the same afterwards. Gimme Shelter is a stra film; as a concert movie it's too muci of a bummer, but as an excavation a tragic phenomenon, it's frustrautie ly (if appropriately) inconclusive. But nonetheless, it's absolutely com pelling and one of the most enigmil ic cultural documents of the era.

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Austin Powers in Goldmember (CO, FP, LD) Mike Myers, Beyoncé Knowles, Seth Green and Michael Caine star in Meet the Parents director Jay Roach's spy spoof, in which twinging British spy Austin Powers travels back in time to the '70s to foil a plot by his archenemies Dr. Evil and Mini-Me to kidnap his similarly oversexed father

The Country Bears (CO, FP, LD) Christopher Walken, Diedrich Bader, Daryl Mitcheil and the voice of Haley Joel Osment star in this kiddle flick, inspired by the animatronic attractions at Disneyworld and Disneyland, about a 10-year-old bear who has been raised by humans, and who sets out to discover his true family after finally realizing he was adopted

directors Albert and David Maysles's classic, hard-hitting 1970 documentary about the Rolling Stones' ill-fated 1969.

Altamont concert, where poor planning and confrontational security measures resulted in a

near-riot and the stabbing death of a fan. Zer-

dler Hall, The Citadel; Fri-Mon, July 26-29 (9pm)

Black's eye-opening, bottom-to-top documentary examining the deleterious effects of globalization upon the politicians, farmers and ordinary citizens of jamaica. Zeidler Holl, The Citadel; Thu-Mon, July 25-29 (/pm)

Keener, Brenda Blethyn, Emily Mortimer and Raven Goodwin star in Walking and Talking writer/director Nicole Holofcener's indie cornedy about a mother, her three neurotic daughters and their rocky search for lasting romance

Triumph of Love (P) Mira Sorvino, Ben Kingsley and Fiona Shaw star in High Season director Clare Pepipe's adaptation of the classic Maravaux comedy about a young princess who disguises herself as a man to woo a hand some, sheltered prince who has been raised in isolation from women by his intellectual aunt and uncle. Co-written by Bernardo Bertolucci

FIRST-RUN MOVIES

About a Boy (CO) Hugh Grant, Toni Collette, Rachel Weisz and Nicholas Hoult star in Down to Earth directors Chres and Paul Weitz's bittersweet adaptation of Nick Hornby's novel about a self-centred British commitment phobe who develops an unexpected eino tional attachment to a depressed single mother's lonely 12-year-old son

The Bourne Identity (CO, FP) Matt Damon, Franka Potente, Chiis Cooper and Julia Stiles star in Go director Doug Liman's lean spy thriller about arramnesiac man whose efforts to discover his true identity are hampered by the team of highly trained assassins who seem determined to kill him Based on the novel by Robert Ludium The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course (CO) Steve Irwin, Tern Irwin and Bindi Sue Irwin star in director John Stainton's family adventure in which the excitable TV nature-show host is recruited by the CIA to retrieve a missing spy satellite which a crocodile has swallowed

Devdas (CO) Shahrukh Khan, Aishwarya Rai and Vijay Crishna star in director Sanjay Leela Bhansali's hyper-emotional, big-budget Bollywood epic about a man who turns his back on his childhood playmate/soulmate for class reasons, only to find that he can never let go of their love. In Hindi with English subtitles

Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood
(CO, FP) Sandra Bullock, Ashley Judd, Ellen
Burstyn, James Garner and Shirley Knight star
in Something to Tulk About writer/director Callie Khouri's chick flick about a stubborn
woman who gains new respect for her recentric Southern mother courtesy of a cadre of
her similarly high-spirited lifelong friends
Based on the novel by Rebecca Wells

Arquette, Kari Wührer and Scarlett Johansson star in director Ellory Elkayem's old-fashioned B-movie about a small town in Nevada that gets overrun with giant mutant spiders following a toxic waste spill

Halloween: Resurrection (CO, FP) Jamie Lee Curtis, Tyra Banks, Busta Rhymes, Thomas Ian Nicholas and Brad Loree star in Holloween II director Rick Rosenthal's latest installment in the lorig-running horror series, in which masked killer Michael Myers returns to his childhood home, where six teenagers are staging a live Internet webcast.

Hey Arnold! The Movie (FP) The grade schooler with the football-shaped head joins forces with his friends to oppose a powerful industrialist with plans of tearing down their neighbourhood and erecting a gigantic mall in this animated feature based on the popular children's TV series

Ansomnia (CO, FP) Al Pacino, Robin Williams, Hilary Swank and Martin Donovan star in Memento director Christopher Nolan's psy chological thriller about a cop plagued by sleeplessness, guilt and bad memories while investigating a murder in a perpetually sunfit Alaskan town. Based on the 1997 Norwegian film of the same name

K-19: The Widowmaker (CO, FP) Harrison Ford, Liam Neeson, Peter Sarsgaard and Joss Ackland star in *Stronge Days* director Kathryn Bigelow's submarine suspense picture, based on the true story of a Soviet nuclear submarine that in 1961 nearly precipitated World War III when its reactor's cooling system failed, placing the vessel in danger of a meltdown

NBA athletes star in *Drive Me Crozy* director John Schultz's kiddle flick about a preteen basketball player who acquires NBA-fevel athletic abilities whenever he dons a magical pair of speakers once worn by Michael Jordan

Life and Stitch (CO, FP) The voices of Daveigh Chase, Chris Sanders, Jason Scott Lee and Tia Carrere are featured in directors Chris Sanders and Dean Deblois's animated cornedy about a little Hawaiian girl who adopts what the run from an intergalactic police force.

Men in Black If (CO, FP) Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones, Rosano Dawson and Lara Flynn nenteld's sequel to the 1997 sci-fi comedy, in which secret agents Jay and Kay reteam to battle an evil alien that has assumed the form of a Victoria's Secret supermodel

Colin Farrell, Samantha Morton and Max Von Sydow star in A.I.: Artificial Intelligence director Steven Spielberg's provocative sci-fi action picture about an officer in a futuristic police force that specializes in detecting crimes before they're committed who goes on the run after he is himself identified as the perpetrator of a future murder.

BaserJ on a story by Philip K. Dick.

Mr. Deeds (CO, FP) Adam Sandler, Winona Ryder, Peter Gallagher and John Turturro star in Little Nicky director Steven Brill's remake of Frank Capra's 1936 comedy Mr. Deeds Goes to Town, in which a naive small-town citizen tangles with cynical reporters and big-city snobs after he inherits a multi-billion-dollar fortune.

Mysteries of Egypt (SC) Omar Sharil hosts director Bruce Niebaur's lavishly photographed IMAX travelogue showcasing the wonders, both ancient and modern, of the nation of Egypt

The Powerpuff Girls Movle (FP) The voices of Cathy Cavadini, Tara Strong, Elizabeth Daily and Tom Kane are featured in writer/director Craig McCracken's film version of the cult animated series, in which youthful superheroes Blossom, Bubbles and Buttercup must square off against their archenemy Mojo Jojo's latest nefarious scheme.

Relgn of Fire (CO, FP) Christian Bale,
Matthew McConaughey, Izabella Scorupco
and Alexander Siddig star in The X-Files: Fight
the future director Rob Bowman's post-apocatyptic action flick about a small group of overmatched Englishmen fighting to prevent
fire-breathing dragons from re-establishing
their dominance over the Earth

Road to Perdition (CO, FP) Tom Hanks, Paul Newman, Jude Law and Jennifer Jason Leigh star in American Beauty director Sam Mendes's ambitious gangster picture about a ruthless hitman in 1930s Chicago who embarks on a mission of vengeance in the company of his young son. Based on the graphic novel by Max Allan Collins and Richard Piers-Rayner

The Salton Sea (P) Val Kilmer, Peter Sarsgaard, Deborah Kara Unger and Vincent D'Onofrio star in director D.J. Caruso's Taran lino-esque crime drama about a jazz musician-turned-police-informant-turned-drug-ad

dict who falls in with a gang of methamphetamine fiends while trying to exact revenge on the man who killed his wife.

Scooby-Doo (CO, FP) Matthew Lillard, Freddie Prinze Jr., Sarah Michelle Gellar and Rowan Atkinson star in Never Been Kissed director Raja Gosnell's live-action film version of the TV cartoon series, in which Shaggy, Daphne, Velma, Fred and Scooby-Doo investigate supernatural goings-on at a creepy amusement park.

Spider-Man (CO) Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, Willem Dafoe and James Franco star in *Darkman* director Sam Raimi's adaptation of the Marvel comic book about an introverted high-school student who becomes a masked, web-slinging superhero after getting bitten by a genetically altered spider.

Star Wars—Episode II: Attack of the Clones (CO, FP) Hayden Christensen, Natalie Portman, Ewan McGregor and Frank Oz star in the latest

installment in George Lucas's space opera, in which young Jedi apprentice Anakin Skywalker is tempted by the dark side of the Force while bodyguarding a beautiful interstellar queen.

Stuart Little 2 (CO, FP, LD) Geena Davis,
Hugh Laurie and the voices of Michael J. Fox,
Nathan Lane and Melanie Griffith are featured in
Stuart Little director Rob Minkoff's sweet-natured
sequel to the 1999 children's film about a
human couple whose adopted son is a talking
mouse. Inspired by the book by E.B. White.

The Sum of All Fears (CO, FP) Ben Aftleck, Morgan Freeman, James Cromwell and Liev Schreiber star in Field of Dreams director Pt Alden Robinson's film version of the Ton Clancy bestseller, in which CIA analyst July Ryan attempts to foil a group of neo-Nazis planning to detonate a nuclear bomb dumn the Super Bowl.

Undercover Brother (CO) Eddie Griffin Denise Richards, Aunjanue Ellis, Dave Chap pelle and Chris Kattan star in *The Best Man* director Malcolm Lee's send-up of the blaxploitation and spy-flick genres, based on the animated Internet series, in which an agent for an all-black team of secret agents battles a nefarious plot to rob black people of their sock

Windtalkers (CO) Nicolas Cage, Adam Beat Christian Slater and Frances O'Connor star in Face/Off director John Woo's World War II dran about a hard-bitten Marine assigned to protein a Navajo "code-talker" during an important mission—and to kill him off if necessary to provent his being captured by the enemy.

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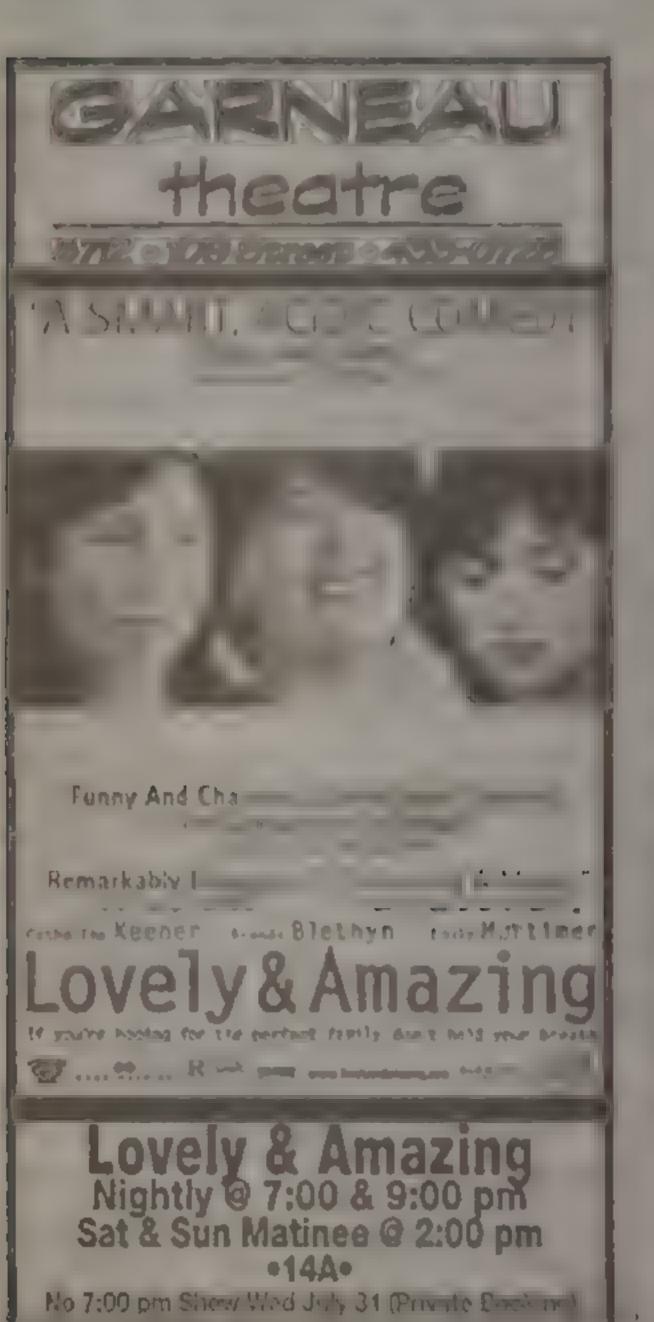
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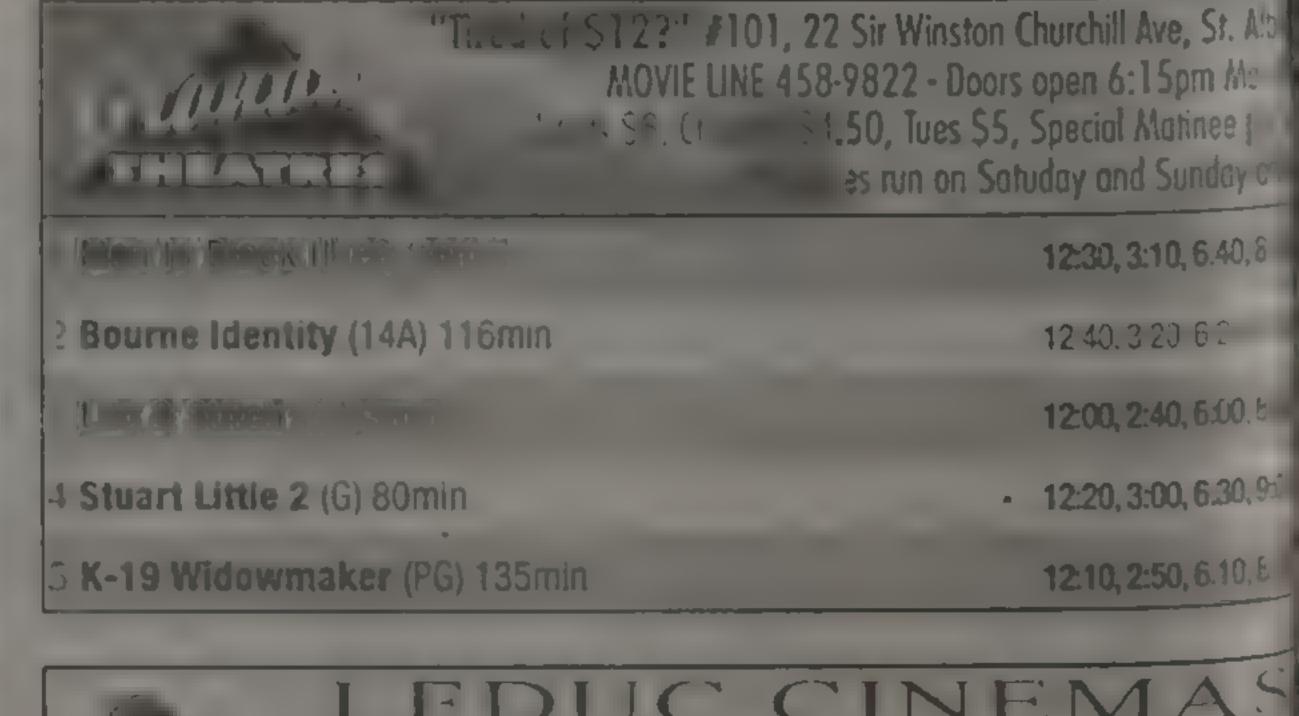
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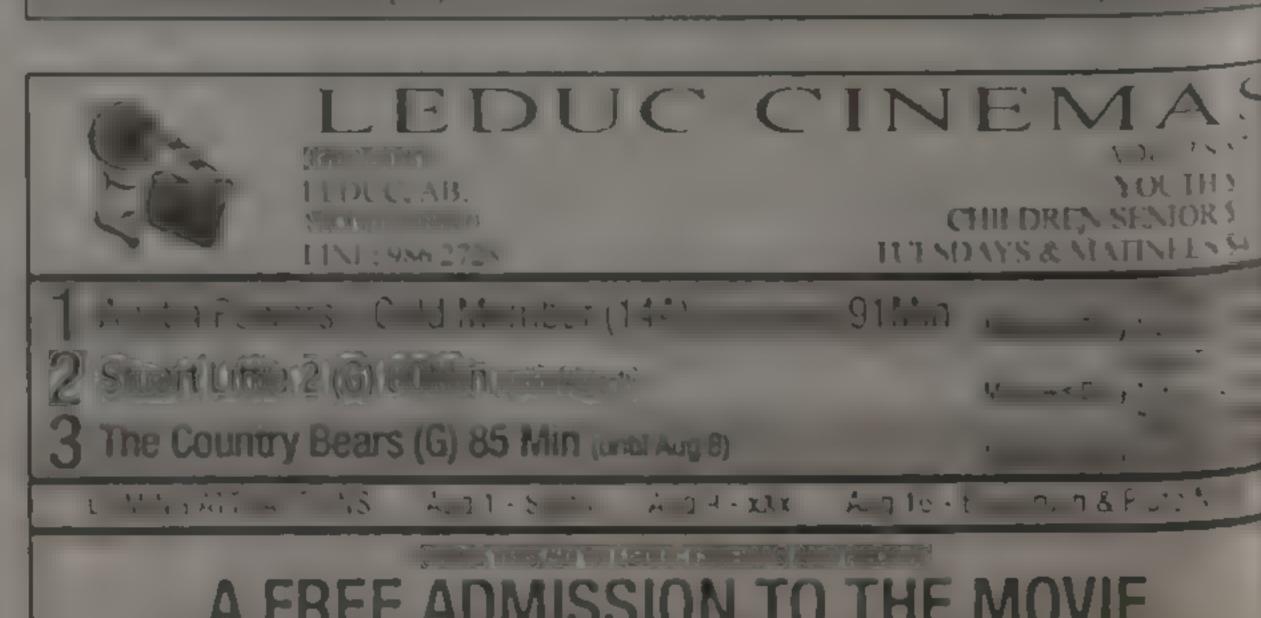
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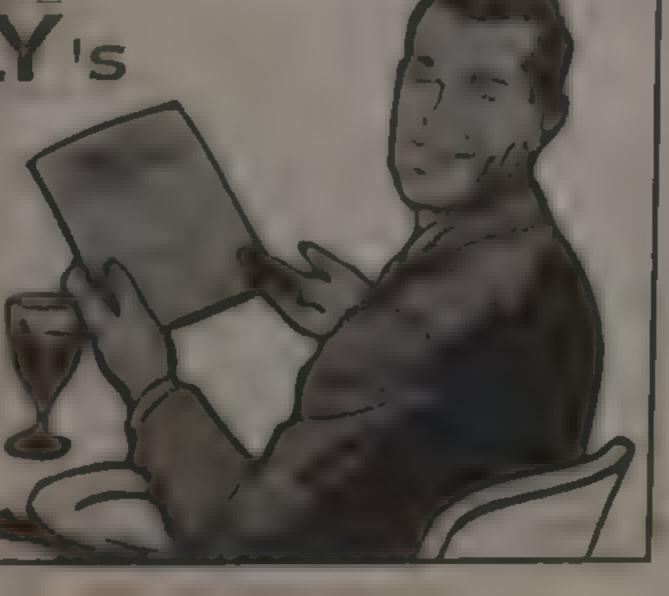
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Painter Brenda Malkinson asks viewers to watch the birdie

BY AGNIESZKA MATEJKO

hat do people burn to In a time of crisis?" asks Brenda Malkinson whose preview for her upcoming show Interpretations: Memory Suite III is currently on display at Scott Gallery. "They turn to poetry, dance and art to give them emotional sustenance." Artists perpetually work against the tide of competitive market values by creating objects that serve no practical purpose whatsoever—a flight into a world of imagination and dreams, providing a momentary release from the firm grip of pragmatism, "What artists do

offers a kind of hope to people," says Malkinson. "I think that artists operate on the premise of hope. It is difficult to find the courage to create."

Malkinson's life and work is permeated with the concept of hope. Her oil paint and graphite drawings are filled with momentary glimpses of what is perhaps the most evanescent of all living creatures: the hum-



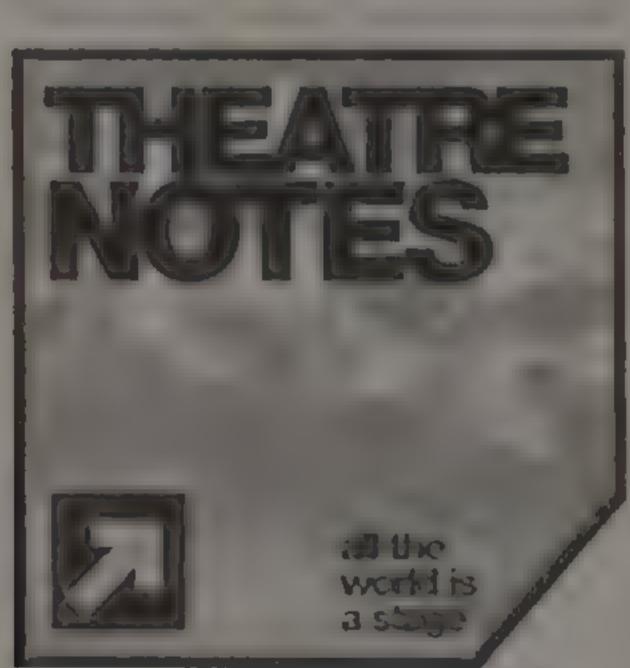
mingbird. For Malkinson, this minute and seemingly inconsequential being symbolizes the creative process and the sense of hope that is inherent in it. She struggles for words to explain how birds offer us a symbol of hope, eventually borrowing Emily Dickinson's words: "Hope is a thing with feathers/that perches in the soul/and sings the tune without the words/and never stops at all."

Quoting poetry comes naturally to Malkinson, for whom picking up one of the poetry books she keeps in her studio is a daily routine. "It is the first thing I do when I walk into the studio," she says. Like the switch of a light, reading takes her out of her regular life as a mother and teacher and allows her to enter a different world one where creativity and imagination reside. "Poetry does not provide me with a specific image," she says. "It just helps me to think differently."

Bird in a gilded Page

One of Malkinson's favorite poets is Canadian-born P.K. Page, and as she reads one of her poems ("Cry Ararat") out loud, I am struck by how the spirit and imagery of the poem is echoed by the work hanging in the studio. "First soft in the distance," Malkinson recites, "blue in blue air/then sharpening, quickening/taking on green/Swiftly the fingers seek accurate focus/(the bird has vanished so often/before the sharp lens/could deliver it)..."

The magical aspect of a fleeting instant—captured so viscerally by



BY PAUL MATWYCHUK

Ath you like it

Athabasca Country Fringe Festival • Fri-Sun, July 26-28 • preVUE "It's not a baby anymore," says Doug Dunn, coartistic director of the Athabasca Country Fringe Festival, which celebrates its fourth year of bringing drama to the hinterlands this weekend. "We could be wrong, but we're saying we're the second-largest drama festival in the province—second only to the Fringe. Who else has 22 different companies doing 60 performances?"

It doesn't occur to me until after I finish talking to Dunn that, arguably, Theatre Network's NeXtFest is a slightly bigger event—but that in no way detracts from the ACFF's standing as one of this province's unlikeliest theatrical success stories, a vibrant festival where the



Page's words—is the very quality that permeates Malkinson's work. "I try to capture what I see when I go for a walk, the moment when you get a glimpse of a bird," she says. Malkinson emphatically avoids the official Audubon version of birds-"I don't want to get caught up in the idea that this bird has six feathers and that one has seven," she states firmly. Rather,

her interpretation of birds is poetic and personal; she works from memory, trying to record on paper what was merely a glance.

Featherly advice

The swift flutter of a bird leaves behind only

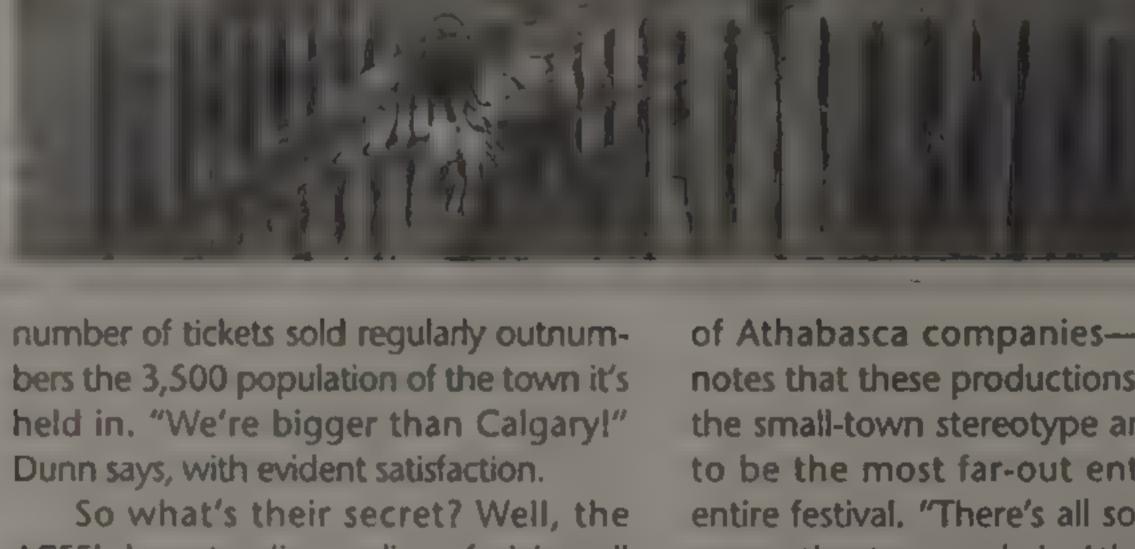
an indistinct trace of a memory. This ethereal instant fascinates Malkinson: "What I see when those wings are open is a transparency," she says. Absence of clarity, the sense of leaving things undefined, unsaid, mysterious, are the qualities Malkinson admires in poetry and they are qualities she strives to incorporate into her work. Some of her bird images are almost imperceptible, blending into a sky that appears translucent through the application of several layers of paint It's as though Malkinson has replaced the concrete world with a transparent moment, like the one that occurs daily on one of her walks in the river valley. "You find a group of feathers on the ground," she says, "then, in a gust of wind, they're gone.

Birds have been a part of Malkin. son's life from childhood—she still

> treasures the first feather she collected at the age of five. "At almost 50," she says, "] keep coming back to the image I really love." At times, she has been reluctant to reveal her love of birds since birds are often lumped in with flowers and barns—the

kind of trite subjects that bring a supercilious smile to the lips of many an artist. "The wrestle is working with something that is so familiar and still try to say something new about it," says Malkinson. "I have come to terms with what I really like to do, finding that truth and living it." O

Interpretations: Memory/Suite III By Brenda Malkinson • Scott Gallery • Preview of a show opening Sept 7

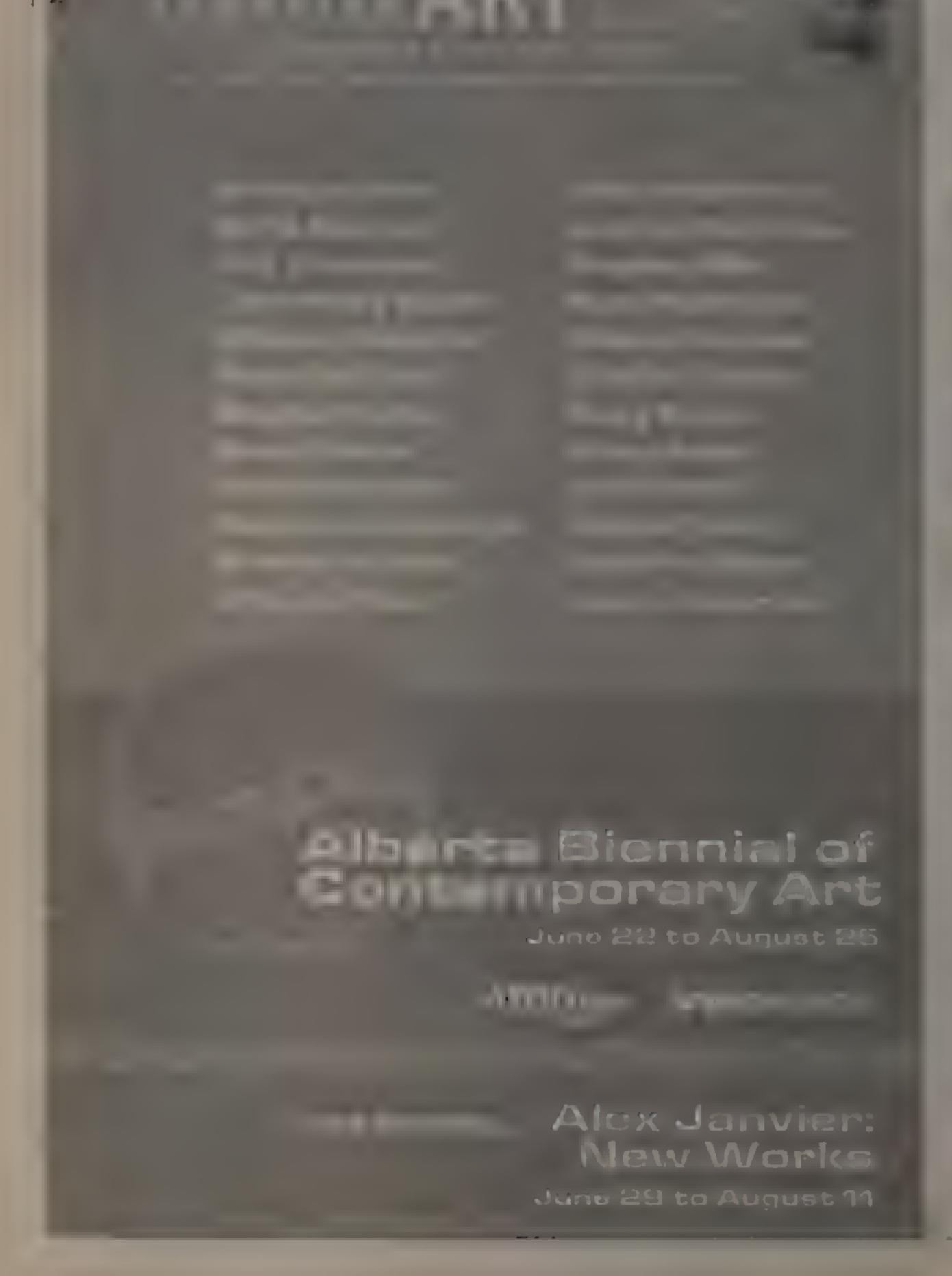


ACFF's longstanding policy of giving all the artists free food and free massages certainly doesn't hurt, but Dunn thinks the real reason is more elusive. "All I know," Dunn says, "is that [co-artistic director Christina Grant] and I have spent a lot of time setting this thing up, and now we've put together a really great team that works really, really, really hard at making the performers happy. I think that's why we're getting so many return shows and the word's getting around—we don't have to solicit shows anymore. What we try and do is communicate with [the artists] a lot in the weeks leading up to the Fringe-Christina especially is in contact with everybody, with companies from all over the world, to make sure their needs are met. We'll talk with every company a dozen: times before the Fringe. Sure, we feed them and we house them and we give them free massages, but we meet their artistic needs, too. One theatre company from England, we helped them find a bunch of props, which they wound up taking on the road to the Thunder Bay and the Winnipeg Fringes. That kind of thing just makes them happy to be part of what we're doing."

Approximately one-third of the shows in this year's lineup are the work

of Athabasca companies—and Dunn notes that these productions often belie the small-town stereotype and turn out to be the most far-out entries in the entire festival. "There's all sorts of these young theatre people in Athabasca put ting on Fringe shows," he says, "who go on to study theatre and fine arts at the U of A and Lethbridge. But Athabasca is very strong in the arts all the way around, and it's reflected in our audiences. I know that when [a British company] did Educating Rita here the first year, they said Athabasca audiences got it and laughed in all the right places better than Edmonton. And we hear a lot of comments like that about the sophistication of our audiences."

The festival's proximity to Edmon ton makes it an ideal location for local theatre troupes to do "out-of-town tryouts" of the shows they'll be bringing to the big-time Edmonton Fringe in August. Hopefully, they'll also come to town demanding that our Fringe adopt one of the ACFF's most appealing ideas: an event called "Swim With the Stars," in which audience members, playwrights, actors and directors alike are invited to take an evening dip together on the penultimate night of the festival. "It was one of those farfetched ideas that we weren't sure if it would work or not," Dunn says, sounding as if he's describing the Athabasca Fringe itself, "but it worked out beauti-fully. Everyone just loved it." O



While you were leaping

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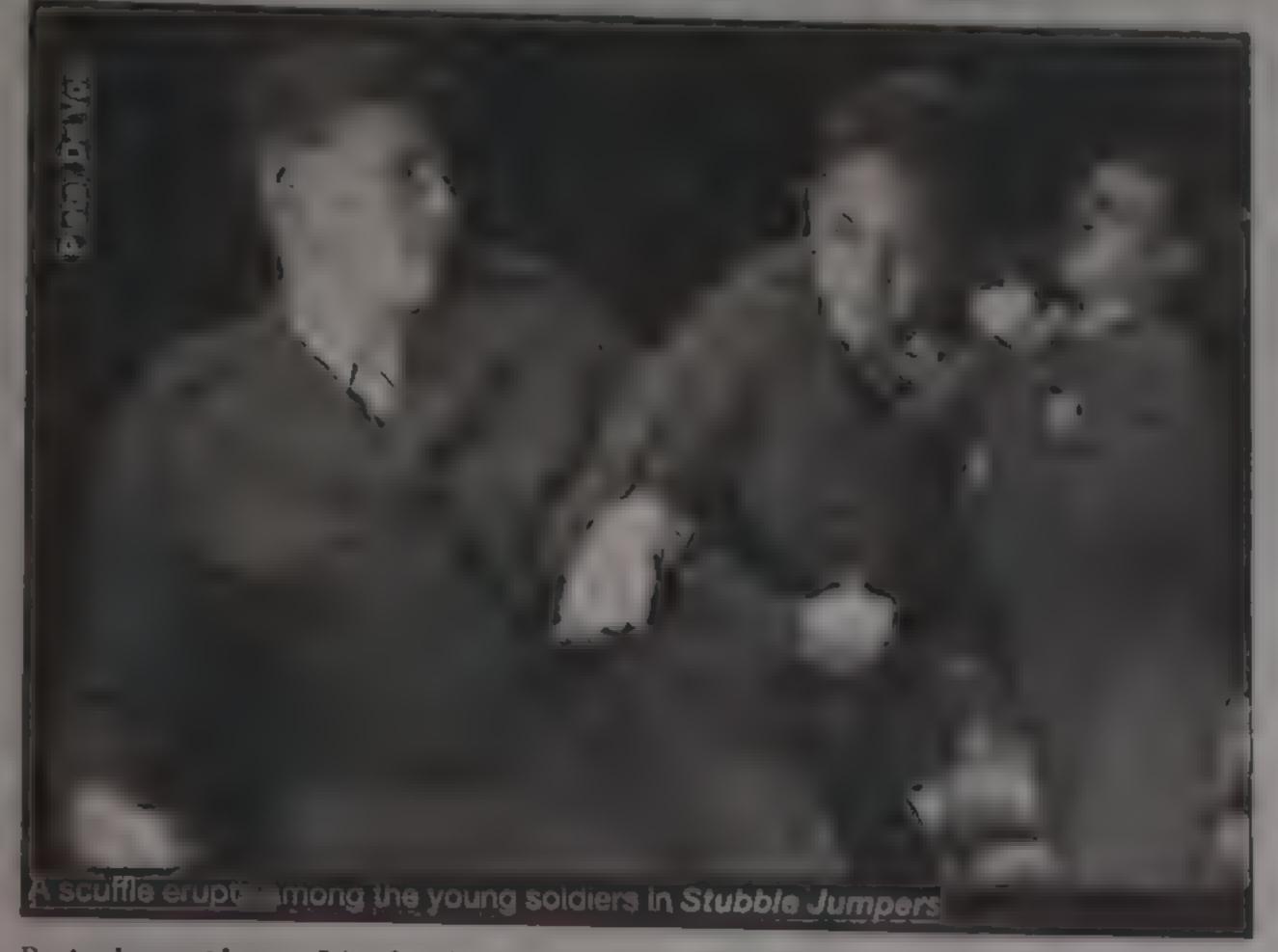
utting up a 25-person new musical is a daunting job for professionals," Fringe Theatre Adventures artisproducer Darryl Lindenbach, but is Imagine program has mounted epic musical every summer for last four years—and has done so a cast, an orchestra and a crew ie up almost entirely of kids een the ages of 15 and 20.

: e kids range from hardcore thenerds who come to the program dreams of conquering the Great tite Way (or at least the Varscona atre) already in place, to young ople with talent and an interest in suing theatre as a career, but also odicum of uncertainty as to what ds of demands or level of commitet choosing that path would uire of them. And, of course, ne kids just want to spend their amer putting on a play.

*Some kids went to hockey camp summer," says Lindenbach, "and ne of them did this, because, well, is what they do. These are kids o, for some reason, have braced the arts. But at the same e, I don't think there's a magic mula or type of person who goes the arts—and that's part of what re trying to do, is break down e of the mystique and say, 'This not something that's locked and a closet that you have to gain cial entry into. If you're interestgive it a shot. If you get in, we'll what happens. But the thing is, have to be willing to risk."

George to Benson

denbach has become increasingly receful over the four years of the gram when it comes to tracking material that's not only largee enough to accommodate the ly three dozen students in the gine program, but also approprito their age range. The first two gine shows were based on well-'n British and American properthe inaugural production was an plation of the 1980 film Fame, was followed by a musical verof George Orwell's Animal Farm.



But since then, Lindenbach has looked closer to home for shows; last year's show, the gritty high-school-is-Hell saga The 7th Circle, was commissioned from local playwright Marty Chan, while the piece Lindenbach is staging this year, Stubble Jumpers, by the late Saskatchewan writer/composer Roy W. Benson (a onetime classmate of megamusical icon Andrew Lloyd Webber), was first performed in 1995 to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of the war, and is being revived here for audiences to rediscover for the very first time. "We have the talent [capable of writing these large-scale shows] in Canada," Lindenbach says. "They just never get the chance. And while we're also training kids, we're also trying to do shows that kids can per-



form while they're at secondary and post-secondary school age that aren't those same 12 American musicals."

The piece's title refers to the somewhat disparaging term applied to the often naïve, usually very young prairie kids out seeing the world for the very first time after volunteering to fight in World War II. The story examines how those kids' naïveté-and, to some extent, their idealism—was shattered as a result of their first contact with the harsh and violent realities of war. "A lot of them joined up just to have fun," Lindenbach says. "To chase girls, to see this fantasy world they believed existed overseas. And it turns out not to be that. Roy had all this knowledge of what actually happened, and he brings to the piece this real look at history that's

not about the gun being fired or the shell landing; it's about the effect of when that shell lands."

The gruelling class

The Imagine program is designed to be a similar sort of eye-opening experience ("an aggressive reality," Lindenbach calls it) for the klds who participate in it-albeit one that's much less traumatic and which offers a much lower fatality rate. "We run this as an Equity production," Lindenbach says. "And the kids work the way they would in a 'normal' show, a 9:30-to-5:30 day, slx days a week.... What a lot of them don't know is how hard it is, how long it takes. They don't know that rehearsal doesn't stop when you leave the rehearsal hall—that you have to go home and bring something back the next day into rehearsal that's more than what you had before. And they have to audition—their parents can't just pay and have them automatically come here. And we rehearse the show, and they do an 11-show run. So it's a heck of a ride. The whole idea is that you come here, you spend five weeks, and we're going to take you through a real experience. And at the end of it, you figure out if this is something you want to do."

Lindenbach says Imagine has reassured him he's made the right decision, anyway. "These kids remind you why you do theatre," he concludes. "It's just so refreshing to be in that room with them—it's not about making money for them. It's about making art." O

> Stubble jumpers Arts Barns . July 26-Aug 3 . Fringe Theatre Adventures • 448-9000

NAKED STORIES-ART AS NARRATIVE: Recent oil paintings of nudes, portraits and still lifes. Explores personal storyteiling within historical art influences. Through the summer.

DOUGLAS UDELL GALLERY 10332-124 St., 488-4445. SOME NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS ON V: New Sculptures by Joe Fafard.

ELECTRUM DESIGN STUDIO 12419 Stony Plain Rd., 482-1402. SPIRITED MYSTERIES: Clay, steel,

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By MATT SHORT

ARIES (Mar 20 Apr 19). You are in your own element as your planetary ruler, Mars, moves harmoniously through fiery Leo. Focus remains on children, sporting events, speculations, cicios e endeavours, leisure activities, generosity and romances, especially with younger partners. Authority figures are on your side as you move through this week with added energy and confidence. Orama, music, visual art and writing are also on your palette. As the weekend approaches, so will your desire to stay at home doing these things in secret or behind the scenes. Increased need for sleep, use of drugs or alcohol, escapism through television and problems with water gas or oil could manifest. The signs Leo, Gemini, Pisces and Virgo apply

TAURUS (Apr 20 May 20): Your planetary ruler, Venus, will encounter some chall lenges this week as it moves through the sign of Virgo, Brushe with Pluto on July 25 could bring problems with romance, emotional intensity, possibilities of violence, obsessions and power issues. This is not the time for financial speculation and investments should be delayed. Signs point to needed changes and need for an expressive release. Extra pro tection is needed for children and spouse. Scorpio and Aries could be involved

GEMINI (May 21 June 20). Your creative urges have increased as your ruling planet. Mentury, continues moving through Leo. Circumstances involving children, romances hobbies, writing, artistry, sports and recreation are shown. Blockages from Neptune on July 26 could bring secrets in relationships, isolation, escapism, lies, arguments, anger, decep tions, lack of mental clanty and excessive sleep. Generally you are having many 'behind the scenes" activities, possibly dealing with music, painting, film, colour, water, oil or gas. Renewal, sexuality, intense feelings, intuition, decisions, discovery of secret knowledge, mysteries and let ting go of something are seen in July 29. Pisces, Scorpio or Aries apply

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You're in for a good how! this week as your ruler, the Moon, becomes full. Wild times with friends, impulsive activities involving clubs or organizations, strange happenings at home and sudden insights are shown. Reality is settling in and you might not like what you see, but you can't ignore what you know to be true The stage is set for radical changes. By July 27, you must follow your intuition. Your psychic intuition is strong, but you will be emotionally vulnerable and possibly prone to self-pity. Next week shows signs of new beginnings and initiations that show long-term transformations

LEO (July 23-Aug 22): Now that your ruling Sun has entered its own sign, you are stronger than ever. Your heart is abiaze with creative experting events, gambling and visual art, writing and dance. Speculation, romance, sporting events, gambling and events are also probable. You aren't all talk. You have: activities involving children or younger people are also probable. You aren't all talk. You hav: the power to do what you say, speaking with actions rather than words this week. Sudden decisions are also shown; just try not to blure out something you might regret. The signs Aries, Virgo and Gemini could apply

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept 22): Your planetary ruler, Mercury, is moving through Leo. making your imagination go wild. This could result in hidden fears and negative fan tasies or dreams related to health, pets, communications, younger people, neigh bors or friends on July 26. Artistic inspiration, isolation, deception and secret actions are other possible manifestations for that day. Your sign is being tested generally by means of higher education, religion, diet, career, home, parental figures and daily life. Increased intuition, discovery of secret information, renewal and dreams that could change your life are possible on July 29. Aries, Scorpio or Pisces could apply

[33] LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct 22): The planets are generally in harmony with your sign this week. Focus is still on diet, clothing, service, schools, the workplace and your daily routine. Your only real bump in the road is around July 25, when your planetary ruler, Venus, collides with overwhelming Pluto. This could result in power issues at home, intensified emotions, the surfacing of unconscious fears, uncontrollable sexuality, obsessions, and possibilities of violence or abuse. There is need for renewal and letting go of something harmful for you. Secret and unattainable loves are also featured, Scorpio involved.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21) Inner knowledge continues to instigate outer change as you journey to transform the way you make your money and reconsider what you really value in life. Your faith is strong as you begin to accept new and positive visu alizations for yourself. Sustained influences from Uranus have provided different paths and new associations, but don't go against your own beliefs or overspend just because you are now in unfamiliar territory, especially around July 25. Vanity, lack of appreciation and missed connections involving love affairs are also probable. By July 29, positive decisions concerning finances, diet, career and daily routines will be made. Numerous phone calls, mailings, e-mails: and short trips are also shown. The signs Aquarius, Libra, Taurus, Virgo or Gemini could apply

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21): Part of your cycle of change is almost over as your planetary ruler, Jupiter, finishes his journey through your eighth house. Reality sets in as the Moon becomes full. Unexpected events, associations with friends or groups and tests concerning any newly instigated directions are indicated. Keep an eye on the target and don't lose faith in your original visualization. A sudden adjustment to your daily life could help you on your way. Aquarius or Capricom involved

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20): Your focus remains on health, weight loss, clothing. service and the workplace as your planetary ruler, Saturn, continues his path through your such house. Phone calls, e-mails, letters, short trips, friends, neigh bours and daily life are highlighted. Gossip, unclear thinking, solitude, deception, secrets and incorrect information are shown for July 26, so double-check before you sign anything. By July 29, renewal, changes of diet and daily routine, discovery of secret information, increased interest in sex and heightened perception are forecast. Powerful contacts and life-changing information are also seen on this day

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 18): You are seeing yourself clearly as the full Moon moves through your sign. Look for unexpected emotional responses and strange happen ings at home and with family Reality is setting in, and you may begin to question your new path. Adjustments may be needed to follow through with your original plan. You must go with your own intuition, no matter how odd it may feel. Your planetary ruler, Uranus, is still caught up in Plutonian energies, increasing sexuality, intuition, transformation and personal power. The signs Scorpio or Aries may apply

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 19): Your ruling planet, Neptune, is having a confusing argument with Mercury this week, bringing hidden writings, clouded thinking, possible lies, secret conversations and an inability to concentrate, especially around July 26. Your imagination has increased, so creative writing, music, visual art, drama and dance are encouraged. Undercover actions and angry episodes are also possible, along with cuts and burns on July 28 and 29. Virgo, Germini, Aries, Scorpio and younger, people could be involved. 20.

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TRY GALLERIES see What's Happening

flown on page 40. BEAT GALLERY 8 Mission St. Albert, 459-3679. Summer

exhibit by gallery artists: Russ Hogger, Audrey Pfannmuller, Glenda Beaver, Mel Heath, Fran Heath, Min Ma, Karen Findlay, Greg Johnson, Nick Prins, Eduino Sousa, Kari Duke, Andrew Raszewski, Rogelio Menz, Igor Postash and Randy Wiens.

CHRISTL BERGSTROM'S RED GALLERY AND STUDIO 9621 Whyte Ave., 439-8210. Open Mon-Fri I ham - Spm - San by appointment.

FARTS WEEKLY

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mixed media by Joanna Drummond and Sharon Moore-Foster. Until Aug. 30. Closed for Holidays July 28-Aug. 5.

Second Floor, University Extension Centre, 8303-112 St., 492-3034. Open Mon-Fri 8am-4pm. INTO THE IMAGE: Graduating presentation by Mary Brackenbury. July 29-Aug. 7. Opening reception SAT, July 27, 1-4pm.

FORT DOOR 10308-81 Ave., 432-7535. Open Mon-Sat 10am-6pm; Thu-Fri 10am-9pm; Sun 12-5pm. Porcupine quill baskets by various Mohawk Native artists. Eskimo soapstone carvings (walrus, seal, inukshuk, bears, human) by G. Arlook. West Coast Native and Eskimo silver and gold jewellery by L. Wadhams. Until July 31.

THE FRINGE GALLERY Bsmt., 10516 Whyte Ave., 432-0240. Open daily 9:30am-6pm. Closed Sun. FIGURATIVE EXPLORATION: Mixed media installation by Neil Fiertel, Christine Wallewein, Sidsel Naess Bradley, Until July 31. •NEW PAINT-ING: Mixed media works by Jim Travelyan. Aug. 5-31.

HARCOURT HOUSE 10215-112 St., 426-4180. Open Mon-Fri 10am-5pm; Sat 12-4pm. EDMONTON SCULPTURE. THE NEXT GENERATION: Andrew French, Mark Bellows, Ryan McCourt, Bianca Khan, Rob Willms, Linda Maines, Cynthia Sentara. Aug. 8-Sept.

7. Opening reception THU, Aug. 8, 7:30-10pm.

Strathcona Place, 10831 University
Ave., 433-5807. FATHER AND SON
EXHIBIT: Louis Munan and Marc
Munan. Until Aug. 1. WED, July 31,
1-3pm Open house. •INSTRUCTOR'S
ARTS AND CRAFTS: Group exhibition.
Aug. 7-Sept. 26.

JOHNSON GALLERY •7711-85 St., 465-6171. Open Mon-Fri 8am-5:30pm; Sat 9am-5pm. Pastels by Audrey Pfanmuller, oils by Val Dunn and Marion Barker, prints by Wendy Risdale. Pottery by Helena Ball. Until July 31. •11817-80 St. Open Tue-Fri: 9:30am-5:30pm; Sat 9:30am-4pm. Watercolours by Brian Traver Smith, Jim Painter and Jim Brager. Prints by Toti and Glen Olsen. Pottery by Noburo Kubo. Until July 31.

KAMENA GALLERY 5718-104 St., 944-9497, SPRING COLLECTION: Gallery artists and new work by Willie Wong.

McMULLEN GALLERY University of Alberta Hospital, East Entrance, 8440-112 St., 407-7152, VISIONS OF WELLNESS: Presented by the Alberta Society of Artists members. Until Sept. 1

GIFT 40, 24 Perron Street, St Albert., 459-9102. •Works by Graham Flatt and Ian Sheldon. Sculpture by Roy Leadbeater, Bonnie Lewis-Berlinguette and Annlee Arntzen. July 30 - Aug 3. •Meet Graham Flatt, watercolour artist Fri, Aug. 2, 5-7pm •30-minute Quick Draw and Silent Auction Sat, Aug. 3, Noon.

JASPER 606 Connaught Drive, across from the Via Station (Jasper). KUNST AUSSTELLUNG EXHIBITION WALL: •Mixed media artist Jason Bartziokas. July 16-29. •Watercolours by Jasper painter Shirley Leonardi. July 30-Aug. 12.

PROFILES PUBLIC ART GALLERY

19 Perron Street, St. Albert, 4604310. Open Tue-Sat 10-Spm. Thu
until 8pm. •ETHOS: Photography and
Sculpture: David Christle, Brad
Callihoo, Gina Joys, Leon Stembitsky,
Bob Todrick. Until Aug. 3. •New garden designed by landscape artist John
Beedle. •MYRIAD: Profiles Gallery
membership exhibition. Aug. 7-31.

SCOTT GALLERY 10411-124 St., 488-3619. Open Tue-Sat 10am-Spm. Featuring new work by Quebec landscape painters Louise Kirouac, Jacques Poirier, Serge Brunoni and Jean Guy Desrosiers. Also featuring new work by Brenda Malkinson and Jerzy Gawlak.

SEGHERS STUDIO GALLERY 604A, 10030-107 St., Seventh Street Plaza, North Tower, 425-6885. Open Tue-Thu 5:30-9pm or by appointment. Featuring works by David Seghers, Robert von Eschen, Eric Butterworth, Jeff Collins, Pamela How (Vilsec), Neil McClelland, Jacqui Rohac.

170 St., 444-1024. Featuring works by J. Yardley-Jones and Gregg Johnson. Acrylics by Jim Vest, pottery by Noburo Kubo and Jacqueline

Stenberg. Art glass available. Artists in the courtyard continues every weekend.

SOCIETY OF STUDENT ARTISTS
(SOSA) GALLERY 10154-103 St.,
Basement, 707-8305. Open daily
10am-6pm. 2nd ANNUAL SMARTER
EXHIBIT: Showcase of student and
emerging artists artwork. Including
prints, photographs, sculptures, paintings and installations. Until Aug. 3.

STUDIO GALLERY 143 Grandin Park Plaza, St. Albert, 460-5990. Open Tue-Fri 10am-Spm; Sat 10am-4pm. TIME, SPACE, ART OF THE PART: Flora, fauna, flowers by gallery artists.

SUSSEX GALLERIES 290 Saddleback Rd., 988-2266. Landscapes, cityscapes, florals, nudes, surreal paintings as well as glassworks, sculptures and ceramics by various artists.

Framing, 2nd Fl., 11631-105 Ave., 452-8906. SUMMER BREEZE: Linda Stainier, Peter Ivens, Peter von Tiesenhausen, Daryl Rydman, Richard Yates, Adele Knowler, Robert van Schaik and others. Until Sept. 5.

THE VAAA GALLERY 3rd Fl. Harcourt House, 10215-112 St., 421-1731. CONTOURS: Juried membership exhibition. July 25-Aug 22. Opening reception THU, Aug. 8, 7-9pm.

DANCE

L Haar Theatre, 10045-156 St., 420-1757. Ukranian Cheremosh Society present Sydney Australia's Ukranian Dancers. Sun, July 28, 3pm. TIX \$10 @ TIX on the Square.

THEATRE

COMPANY OF THREE Jubilations
Dinner Theatre, Upper Level, Phase WEM, 484-2424. Characters from the sitcom Three's Company. Jack Stripper is holding the opening of his restaution, he enlists the help of his old roommate, Janet Woody and Chrissy Show. Until Aug. 25.

DADS...THE MUSICAL Mayfield Dinner Theatre, 16615-109 Ave., 48 4051. By Robert More and Tom Doyle. A humourous look at the results of reversing traditional family roles. Until Sept. 8.

Theatre, The Oasis Entertainment Hotel, 13103 Fort Rd., 448-9339. By Tom Edwards. God-fearin' gold dust widow Reba Calhoun almost loses only son while trying to pan for gold Until Aug. 3. TIX starts at \$32.95

Walterdale Playhouse, 10322-83 Avi 439-2845. By Richard O'Brien. Until Aug. 3, 8pm. TIX \$8-\$12 adult, \$8 \$10 student/senior @ TicketMaster

STUBBLE JUMPERS The Arts Bam 10330-84 Ave., 448-9000. Musical By Roy Benson. Presented by Imagin and Fringe Theatre Adventures. July 26-Aug. 3, 8pm. Sun, July 28; Wed July 31; and Sat, Aug 3 at 2pm. N performance Mon, July 29. TIX \$19.26 adult, \$17.12 student/senior

THEATRESPORTS New Varscona
Theatre, 10329-83 Ave., 448-069>
Every Friday @ 11pm Rapid Fire
Theatre features teams of improvisers

Mhat's Happening

ART GALLERIES

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ALBERTA CRAFT COUNCIL GALLERY
10186-106 St., 488 G-6611, 488-5900
Open MON-SAT 10am-5:30pm. •CRAFT VS
4RT: THE GREAT DEBATE Until Aug. 31
•The DISCOVERY GALLERY PLRPETUAL
ING THE SPIRIT: Bobbit Hollman Scholarship
award winners, Until Aug. 31

Winston Churchill Sq., 422-6223
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11am-Spin. • THE ALBERTA BIENNIAL OF
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Until Aug. 25. • ALEX JAN VIER NEW BY OA SUntil Sept. 15. • FROM THE COLLECTION Until Sept. 15. • CHILDREN'S GALLERY OF OAT HEAD TO TOE: Created by Lisa Murray. Until Oct. 13. • Admission Members free. \$5 adult. \$ information \$2 child (6-32) free (child 5 ind under). Free This after 4pn

GIORDANO GALLERY Main Fl., Empiri Building, 10030 Esper Ave., 429-5066 Open Wed, Sat 1 pointment Featuring David Bolduc, Tony Ja. Phil Mann and Mark Lang. Until Sept. 18

tude53.org, 423-5353, Open Tue-Fri 10am 6pm; Sat noon-5pm. THE COBRAS GUILTI BY ASSOCIATION: July 25-Aug. 31. Opening reception THU, July 25, 8-11pm

Milner ART GALLERY Theatre Fover Stanley A. Milner Library, 7. Sir Winster-Churchill Sq. WHAF'S IN A FLOWER TWO Watercolour with wax on rice paper by Sheilagh Knox, Until July 31

Special opening of the work of Roger
Garcia (visual artist, community activist)
Roger's collection is an exploration of

moods of diverse musical genres depicted through the medium of conte and acrylic A Global Visions fundraiser opening FRI, July 28, 8pm. TIX \$10, \$5 student/low income

SOCIETY OF STUDENT ARTISTS 10154-103 St basement., 707-8305. Open daily 10am-6pm. 2ND ANNUAL SMARTER EXHIB 17: Until Aug. 3

SPECTRUM ART GALLERY AND STUDIO 10867-96 St, 424-8803. Open daily 10am 6pm. Paintings by Christopher Lucas. Work by Patricia Young, Bridget Turner, Deanna Laison and David Phillips

DISPLAYS/MUSEUMS

Ave. 422-1970. Archives and museum located along the river valley on the Hentage Trail. Stroll in the Victorian era park

PESTIVALS

155-5610. July 28-Aug. 5. *City Hall, City Room. SUN 28 (1pm). Launch and opening of a history display in City Hall. *Stanley A, Milner Library, Lower Level, Edinonton Room and Theatre. 709-6923. SUN 28. We interpreted in the founding of the Alberta New Democrats Discussion and presentation. (4pm): The impact of McCaithyism on working people in Alberta. Discussion, (7.30pm). Mana Dunn in concert in the Theatre.

Churchill Sq., 420-1757, Until July 11am-11pm, TIX Adv sheets of 30 tickets at 11x on the Square

KIDS STUFF

Winston Churchill Sq., 422-6223
THE CHILDREN'S GALLERY: FROM
HEAD TO TOE by Lisa Murray. For children
4-12 yrs. *Camps and classes for children
and youth. *Loonie Art Laboratory Tent on
the grounds of City Hall. Mon-En, noon4pm Until July 26

Winston Churchill Sq., 496-7000. •439-3905. WED 31 (2pm): Yo ho ho, 4-6 yrs Pre-register, WED 7 (2pm): Fishing lines, 6-12 yrs. Pre-register

LECTURES/MEETINGS

CITY HALL 1 Sir Winston Churchill Sq into desk, 496-8200, Free tour of City Hall Mon-En, noon and 1pm

NAMED AND CONTINUE FOR SPORT AND SAT 27 (1-4pm) National drowning prevention day Challenge the Lifesaving Society's Swim-to-Survive Standard for free and watch the boating safety demonstrations

WORKING GROUP Edmonton Chamber of Commerce, 600, 10123-99 St. (VV door) 426-4620 FRI 26 (6.45-8.30am): Speakers Joanna Torquson and Alana Hastings present Logos and Business Graphics: The Ven Least You Should know. \$2. Everyone welcome FRI 2 (6:45-8.30am): Casual Eriday (dress, etc.) with extended time for networking. FRI 9 (6.45-8.30am): Speaker Loma Stessart presents £75-Fast, Easy and Aso Cheap. \$2. Everyone welcome

• Every WED (7pm): Learn to speak confi-

dently in public.

QUEER LISTINGS

BOOTS AND SADDLES 10242-106 St. Large tavern with pool tables, restaurant, shows. Members only

PREVENTION SOCIETY 702, 10242-105 St., 488-5773. Education, training and support organization

GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE OF EDMONTON (GLCCE) Suite 45, 9916-106 St., www.edmc.net/glcce. 488-3234. Open Mon-Fri, 1:30pm-5:30pm, 7pm-10pm. Support groups, library, youth group and discussion nights

GAY MEN'S OUTREACH CREW (GMOC)
45, 9912-106 St., 488-0564. A peer education initiative for gay/bisexual men that works toward preventing the spread of HIV by improving self-esteem

Support services for people affected with HIV/AiDS, into line, counseling, referrals, support groups, preventive education programs, resource centre, speakers bureau, Gay Men's Outreach Crew (GMOC), advocacy and public awareness.

ICARE 702A, 10242-105 St., 448-1768 syvw.icarealberta org. The Interfaith Centre for AIDS/HIV resources and education (formerly Interfaith Association on AIDS). Providing spiritual support and connections

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PFLAG GLCCE, Suite 45, 9912-106 St., 462-5958. •Every 3rd TUE (7:30pm). Meeting. Support: education for parents,

families and friends of lesbians/gays/ bises uals/transgenders.

THE ROOST 10345-104th St., 426-3' Open Mon-Sat 4pm-3am; Sun 8pm-3a multi-level night club. Disco upstairs, ... ern downstairs.

SECRETS BAR AND GRILL 10249 10 St., 990-1818. Lesbian and gay bar/restaurant.

PORT GROUP GLCCE, Suite 45, 9912 St., 488-3234. •Every 4th TUE ea. mont (7pm): Meeting. Information and mul support for transgendered people in an open, friendly and safe environment. Of to transsexuals, transvestites, cross-dres drag queens/kings.

and Lesbian Community Center of Edmonton (GLCCE), 45, 9912-106 St., 450 3234. •Every SAT (7-9pm): A facilitated social/support group for lesbian, gay, bual, transgendered, straight, and questing youth who are under the age of 25 www.yuyouth.tripod.com/yuy/

SPECIAL EVENTS

HISTORIC TRANSIT TOURS 496-161
TUE, THU (12, 2, 7pm); SAT (12, 2, 4pm
Until Aug. 22. During Historical Edmont
Week (July 28-Aug. 5) an extra moon too
will be added. TIX \$4 adult, \$3 youth/sx
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METRO CINEMA Zeidler Hall, Citadel
Theatre. THU 25 (7pm and 9pm): The
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fund. TIX \$7 public, \$5 members

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radline is 3 pm Friday.

SISPLAYS/MUSEUMS

BERTA AVIATION MUSEUM 11410 nosway Ave., 451-1175. Open daily am-4pm. Telling the story of Edmonton's ish pilots, Alaska Highway construction, tence of Russia and commercial aviation relopment.

BERTA RAILWAY MUSEUM 24215-34 472-6229. Open daily 10am-5pm until your Day. Diesel and steam locomotives throughout the summer. Every Sun the dresel 9000 will operate. Aug. 3-5 and 7-9 the CN steam locomotive 1392 operate. Exhibition of railcars. TIX \$4 full, \$2.50 senior/student, \$1.25 child hildren under 3 free).

EVONIAN BOTANIC GARDEN 5 km SW Edmonton on Hwy 60, 987-3054. Open eekends. Authentic Japanese garden, ture trail, 80 acres of connected gardens. x \$6.50 adult: \$5.75 student/senior: \$4 aid: \$20 family; children under 4 free.

ORT EDMONTON PARK FOX Dr., mitemud Dr., 496-8787. TIX \$8 adult, \$6 outh/senior, \$4.25 child (2-12), \$24.50 mily (Until Sept. 2).

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USEE HERITAGE MUSEUM St. Albert ace, 5 St. Anne Street, St. Albert. 459-28. Open Mon-Sat 10am-5pm; Sun 1-Im. *NOBLE EXPERIMENT: Until Sept. 1. DISCOVERY ROOM: An interactive educainal venue dedicated to children and fami-Suggested donation \$2. SAT 20 (12:30, Opm): Tipplers vs. Teetotallers, 6-10 yrs. roduces children to the temperance wement in Canada.

ITTART CONSERVATORY 9626-96A St. 6-8755. Open Mon-Fri 9am-6pm; Sat-Sun IM-6pm +SHOWER OF FLOWERS: ituring New Guinea Impatiens. Until Sept. TIX \$5 adult, \$4 senior/youth, \$2.50 ld, \$15 family.

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uce Place: Hands-on exhibits. **IOVINCIAL MUSEUM OF ALBERTA** 845-102 Ave., 453-9100, 453-9131. ww.pma.edmonton.ab.ca. Open weekdays m-9pm; weekends 9am-5pm. •SYN-IUDE CANADA ABORIGINAL PEOPLES ALLERY: Spans 11,000 years and 500 gen-Mions, people of the past and present, cordings, film, lights, artifacts and more. marient exhibit. *TREASURES OF THE ARTH: Geology collection, Permanent hibit. . THE HABITAT GALLERY: Glimpse lakes, forests, prairies and animals of berta. Permanent exhibit. •THE NATURAL STORY GALLERY: *BUG ROOM: Live inverbrate display. Permanent. • THE BIRD LLERY Mounted birds. Permanent. •FEA-IRE GALLERY 2: DOMESTIC ART: QUILTS: in the museum's collection: Until Sept. 2. INEY/L'ARGENT: Until Sept. 2. BIG THINGS: ge scuipture display. Until Labour Day. TO Z AT THE MUSEUM: Every SAT (9 -11am): family-fun drop-in program. mission is half-price between 9am-11am. AT 27: 1 15 FOR INVERTEBRATES: Jay Will eure gallery creatures in The Bug Room. at 3 (9am-11am): J is for Jump Right In! IT 10 (9am-11am): K is for Kitchen dgets from the Past Life. *EDMONTON M SOCIETY: Movies presented by the nmer 2002 Series: *MON S: You Were er Lovelier (1942). Starring Fred Astaire, Hayworth. • MON 12: That Midnight Kiss

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RUTHERFORD HOUSE 11153 Saskatchewan Dr., U of A Campus, 427-3995. Open Tue-Sun, 12 noon-Spm. Costumed interpreters recreate daily household activities. SUN 28: Edmonton in the past.

TELEPHONE HISTORICAL CENTRE 10437-83 Ave., 433-1010. •Open Tue-Fri 10am-4pm; Sat 12-4pm. Largest telecommunications museum in Canada. An interactive educational gallery dedicated to children and families featuring a multi-media presentation on the past, present and future of telecommunication starring Xeldon the talking robot. TIX \$3 adult, \$2 child, \$5 family.

FESTIVALS

HERITAGE FESTIVAL Hawrelac Park. SAT 3 (noon-9pm); SUN 4 (10am-9pm); MON 5 (10am-7pm): Join the Celebration: Food, entertainment, arts and crafts prepresenting peoples from around the world. SAT 3. (6pm): Opening ceremonies and the St. Nicholas Mandolin Ensemble, SUN 4 (11am): Interfaith Prayer Service. (12:30pm): Multicultural in Dance. (6:30pm): The Emeralds. (7:30pm): Ethnic Pavilion awards ceremony. MON 5 (11:30am): Citizenship Court ceremony. (1pm): St. Nicholas Mandolin Ensemble. (6pm): The Emeralds. Free admission. Donation to the Food Bank.

KIDS STUFF

CALDER LIBRARY 12522-132 Ave., 414-5656. THU 18 (2pm): Fish Tales, shadow puppet show, 3-12 yrs. TUE 23 (2pm): Storybook bingo, 3-12 yrs. THU 25 (2pm): Boats and floats, 6-12 yrs. Pre-register. TUE 30 (2pm): Hand art, 3-7 yrs. THU 1 (2pm): Pirate puppet play, 3-8 yrs. THU 8 (2pm): So you want to be a pirate, 5+ yrs.

CAPILANO LIBRARY 201 Capilano Mall, 98 Ave., 50 St., 496-1802. • Every THU (2pm): Salty sea dogs' book club, 8-10 yrs. pre-register. Until Aug. 15. WED 24 (2pm): On Shipwreck Island, 5+ yrs. Pre-register. WED 31 (2pm): Slippery, slimy sea creatures. Pre-register. WED 7 (2pm): Flippers and Fins. Pre-register. SAT 10 (2pm): Swimming with the fishes, 3-5 yrs. Pre-register.

CASTLE DOWNS LIBRARY 15379 Castle Downs Rd., 496-7091. WED 31 (2pm): Scuba duba divers. WED 7 (2pm): Boats and floats, 6-12 yrs.

CITY ARTS CENTRE 10943-84 Ave., 496-6955. Belly dancing classes for ages 8-12 and 12-18 yrs.

GRANT MACEWAN COLLEGE Jasper Place Campus, 10045-156 St., 497-4303. •Children's theatre classes, 9-12 yrs. July 29-Aug. 2.

HIGHLANDS LIBRARY 6710-118 Ave., 496-1806. THU 18 (2pm): Ahoy Mateys, 8-12 yrs. Pre-register. TUE 23 (2pm): Shiver me timbers, 8-12 yrs. Pre-register. THU 1 (2pm): Ocean Cruise, 8+ yrs. THU 8 (2pm): Pirates' Treasure, 4-8 yrs. Pre-register.

IDYLWYLDE LIBRARY 8310-88 Ave., 496-1808. • Every TUE (10:15am): Baby Laptime, 1-2 yrs. Pre-register. WED 31 (2pm): Shiver me timbers-a pirate's life, 5+ yrs. Pre-register. WED 7 (2pm): I love turtles, 6-10 yrs.

INDIGO South Edmonton Common, 1837-99 St., 432-4488. • Every SAT (11am-3pm): Sizzlin' summer crafts for kids.

JASPER PLACE LIBRARY 9010-156 St., 496-1810. • Every WED (7-7:30pm): Family funtime, all ages. Until Aug. 28. THU 18 (2pm): Nature's water treasures, 6+ yrs. Presented by the John Janzen Nature Centre. TUE 23 (2pm): Boats and floats, 6-12 yrs. TUE 30 (2pm): Around the world in 60 minutes, 7-13 yrs. WED 7 (2pm): Pirate for a day, Sir yas.

LESSARD LIBRARY Lessard Shopping Centre, 6104-172 St., 496-1871. • Every THU

(7pm): Family storytime, 3+ yrs. (No program Aug 8.) Until Aug. 29. TUE 23 (2pm): Seasick sea serpents, 5+ yrs. TUE 30 (2pm): On Shipsyreck Island, 5+ yrs. WED 7 (2pm): Shiver me timbers-a pirate's life, S+ yrs. TUE 13 (2pm): Saltwater Daffy, 5+ yrs.

LONDONDERRY LIBRARY Londonderry Mall, 137 Ave., 66 St., 496-1814. THU 1 (2pm): Seasick pigs-puppet show, 3-12 yrs. TUE 6 (1:30-2pm): Trapper baseball players storytime. WED 7 (2pm): Shark bingo, 6-12 yrs. TUE 13 (2pm): Pirates and tales of the sea-puppet show, 3-12 yrs.

MILL WOODS LIBRARY 601 Mill Woods Town Centre, 2331-66 St., 496-1818, 450-0511. THU 25 (11:30am): Reading circle, 8+ yrs. Drop-in, THU 25 (2pm): Pirate's pets are feathered friends, FRI 26 (2pm): Shiver me timbers, a pirates life, 5+ yrs. WED 31 (2pm): Family storytime fun. Drop-in. MON 29 (2pm): Penguin party, 5+ yrs. TUE 30 (2pm): Anchors away. THU 1 (11:30am): Reading Circle, 8+ yrs. Drop-in. FRI 2 (2pm): Shark attack, 5+ yrs. SAT 3 (1:30-2pm): Trapper baseball players storytime. WED 7 (2pm): Family storytime fun. Drop-in. THU 8 (11:30am): Reading Circle, 8+ yrs. Drop-in. THU 8 (2pm): around the world in 60 minutes, 6-13 yrs. FRi 9 (2pm): Seasick sea serpents.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY 471-3034. MS Kids' Kamp for children 6-12 years-old. Pre-register.

PENNY MCKEE LIBRARY Abbottsfield Mall, 3210-118 Ave., 496-7839. WED 31. (2pm): Boats and floats, 6-12 yrs. Build a boat, hope it floats. FRI 2 (2pm): Sea Dog Shindig, 3-10 yrs. Pre-register.

PROFILES PUBLIC ART GALLERY 19 Perron Street, St. Albert, 460-4310. • Every SAT (1-4pm): Youthventures: Drop-by art program for youth ages 12-16. Outside Profiles Public Art Gallery until Aug. 24. \$2 each. THU 25 (1:30-2:30pm): Parent and Pre-schooler Program. "Bahh" said the sheep. \$4/child. Pre-register.

RIVERBEND LIBRARY 460 Riverbend Sq., Rabbit Hill Rd., Terwillegar Dr., 944-5311. SAT 27 (2pm): Extreme crafts on the high seas, 7-12 yrs. Pre-register. SAT 3 (2pm): Tropical title wave. Pre-register. SAT 14 (2pm): Summer reading program closing party, 3-12 yrs.

SOUTHGATE LIBRARY Southgate Shopping Centre, 496-1822. • Every WED (10:15-10:45am): Time for twos. Pre-register.

SPRUCEWOOD LIBRARY 11555-95 St., 496-7099. •Every WED (4pm): Japanese Calligraphy, 8-14 yrs. Pre-register, •Swashbuckling Summer Fun, 4-12 yrs. Until Aug. 31. THU 25 (2pm): Beaded keyrings, 9-14 yrs. Pre-register. SAT 27 (2pm): Ahoy Mateys, 8-12 yrs. Pre-register. TUE 30 (2pm): Boats and floats, 6-12 yrs. Pre-register. THU 1 (2pm): Octopus adventure, 4-12 yrs. Preregister. THU 8 (2pm): Magnificent sea urchins, 5-12 yrs. Pre-register.

STRATHCONA LIBRARY 8331-104 St., 496-1828. THU 25 (2:30pm): Shiver me timbers, a pirate's life, 5+ yrs. Pre-register. THU 1 (2:30pm): Neptune's delights, 5+ yrs. Preregister. FRI 2 (1:30-2pm): Trapper baseball players storytime. THU 8 (2:30pm): Saltwater daffy, 5+ yrs. Pre-register.

VALLEY ZOO 13315 Buena Vista Rd., 496-8787. • Every SUN (1-4pm): Zoo Sundays. TIX \$3.50 child (2-12), \$6 adult, \$4.50 youth (13-17) /senior, \$19 family. Until Oct. 14. •496-6924. SAT 10 (6-11pm). Come on Safari fundraiser, TIX \$50.

WOODCROFT LIBRARY 13420-114 Ave., 496-1830. WED 31 (2:30pm): Pirate's plank of fortune. WED 7 (2:30pm): Sailing, sailing over the bounding main, S+ yrs. Pre-register.

LECTURES/MEETINGS

ALBERTA WILDERNESS ASSOCIATION www.AlbertaWilderness.ca, 988-5487, (403)283-2025. SUN 28: Plateau mountain Hike with Dr. C.C. Chinnappa. SUN 4: Little Smoky-with guides Amber and Percy Hayward.

EDMONTON HERALDRY DISCUSSION GROUP Meet monthly to discuss coats of arms, crests, and related topics. E-mail: madalch@canada.com for more information.

OLD STRATHCONA GUIDED WALKING TOURS Start at SW corner 105 St and Whyte Ave., 437-4182. • Every THU, FRI (7pm); SAT, SUN (1pm): Join Edmonton actors as interpreters for a tour of Old Strathcona, \$6 each (\$3 additional for optional round trip trolley ride).

TOASTMASTERS .N'ORATORS TOAST. MASTERS CLUB NE, 474-6001. • Every THU evening overcome your fears of public speaking. •WEST END TOASTMASTER CLUB 10451-170 St., 2nd Fl. boardroom (use central elevators), 472-4911. • Every TUE (7-9pm): Communication and Leadership: Communication involves listening skills, giving appropriate feedback as well as public speaking.

WASKAHEGAN TRAIL ASSOCIATION *Bonnie Doon Recycle, 85 St., 85 Ave. W. Bonnie Doon Mall, 456-3821, SUN 28 (9am): Free guided hike, approx. 9 km at East Battle. Bring lunch and beverage.

LITERARY EVENTS

BACKROOM VODKA BAR 10324-82 Ave., upstairs, 490-1414. "Every TUE (8pm): The Beat Goes On: Poetry Open Stage with the Raving Poets Band hosted by The Alberta Beatnik and Thomas Trofimuk, Until July 30. No cover.

SOUTHGATE LIBRARY Southgate Shopping Centre, 496-1822. •Adult summer reading club. Until Aug. 31,

LIVE COMEDY

COMEDY FACTORY 3414 Gateway Boulevard, 469 4999, THU 25-SAT 27; Comedian Dez Reed and special guests. FRI 2-SAT 3 (8:30pm): Comedian Rob Pue. FRI 9-SAT 10 (8:30pm): Comedian Marty McLean

FARGO'S ON WHYTE 10307-82 Ave., 433-4526. *Every SUN: Fargo's Laugh-a-Lot Comedy.

SIDETRACK CAFÉ 10333-112 St., 421-1326. • Every THU (7:30-9:30pm): What Happens Next? comedy improv show, hosted by Graham Neil, TIX \$3.

QUEER LISTINGS

AGAPE Room 7-114, Education North Building, U of A. A sex-and-gender differences and schooling focus group in the Faculty of Education. (12-1pm); on the following dates during the 2002/2003 school terms: Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 13, Mar. 20, Apr. 17. On SAT, Nov. 16 AGAPE will be hosting a free oneday conference. For Information contact Dr. Andre Grace <andre.grace@ualberta.ca> or Kris Wells < kwells@ualberta.ca>.

AIDS NETWORK OF EDMONTON SOCI-ETY 201, 11456 Jasper Ave., 488-5742. Support services for people affected with HIV infection/AIDS. Into line, counselling, referrals, support groups, preventive education programs, resource centre, speakers bureau, outreach, advocacy and public awareness campaigns.

AXIOS 454-8449. A support group, local chapter of the international organization of Eastern Orthodox and Eastern-Rite Catholic Gay and Lesbian Christians.

DIGNITY EDMONTON 482-6845. Support community for lesbigay Catholics and friends.

DOWN UNDER 12224 Jasper Ave., 482-7960. Steam bath.

EDMONTON RAINBOW BUSINESS ASSO. CIATION 422-6207. Gay men and Lesbians in business and non-gay friends. Share business knowledge, learn, make friends, network in positive, proud space where being yourself is the norm.

LAMBDA CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH Garneau United Church, 11148-84 Ave., 474-0753. *Every SUN (7pm): Worship services. Serving the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community.

LIVING POSITIVE 488-5768, www.con-

nect,ab,ca/-livepos/ Edmonton Persons Living with HIV Society. Peer facilitated support groups, peer counselling. Daily drop-in.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED 426-0905. www.lcna.org. All Chapters-A spiritual community which gathers monthly for sharing, friendship, individual support and a safe space for our own spiritual questions.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF EDMONTON 429-2321. Weekly church services, non-denominational.

POLICE LIAISON COMMITTEE 421-2277, 1-877-882-2011 (ext. 2038). Edmonton Police Service and the Gay and Lesbian community.

PRIME TIMERS 426-7019. *Every 2nd SUN ea. month (3pm): Monthly meetings. Social group for gay/bisexual men over 40 and their friends.

SPECIAL EVENTS

EDMONTON GHOST TOURS Meet in front of the rescuer statue, next to the Walterdale Playhouse, 10322-83rd Ave., 469-3187, ww.edmontonghosttours.com. • Every MON, TUE, WED, THU (9pm): Ghost tours through Old Strathcona. (No tours during Fringe Festival.) TIX \$5 ea (tour lasts for one hour). Until Aug. 29.

EDMONTON QUEEN Rafter's Landing, 9734-98 Ave., 424-BOAT, Featuring leisure, dinner and brunch cruises. Live entertainment during Fri and Sat evening dinners and midnight cruises.

HISTORIC EDMONTON WEEK FESTIVAL Various locations throughout Edmonton, 439-2797, www.historic-edmontonweek.org. July 28-Aug. 5.

WORKSHOPS

ACTORS INTENSIVE WORKSHOP

433-1124. Learn film auditioning techniques from a working actor whose movies have screened in Europe, North America, and Asia. Ongoing workshop weekday evenings. Free.

BRAHMA KUMARIS MEDITATION CEN-TRE 208-10132-105 St., 425-1050, www.bkwso.com. Meditation Intro course through Raja Yoga. Free. Pre-register.

CENTRE FOR WELLNESS IN MOTION N. Edmonton, 459-3908. Sat sessions. Introductory reflexology for family and friends, Learn relaxation techniques and how to love your feet so you can feel better all over.

GRANT MACEWAN COLLEGE * Jasper Place Campus, 10045-156 St., 497-4301. Landscape Painting in Watercolour, Starts Aug. 19. Bringing Realism to Your Art: How to render fabric, leather, fur, metal and other textures. Starts Aug. 26. The complete guide to colour pencil drawing. Aug. 7-28. •Web Site Design and Development Level II July 27-28. *Ballet, jazz and belly dance for beginners begin early August, Jazz I and II, Rip hop I and II, ballet I and II and belly dance II begin in August.

MUSICAMP ALBERTA Red Deer College, 1-877-687-4239, www.musicalberta.com. Various musical workshops and activities. •Fiddle workshop, piano workshop, Junior choir July 28-Aug. 3. •Intermediate choir, Intermediate band Aug. 4-10. Peterkin Chorale, Peterkin Symphonic band, Aug. 4-17. •Intermediate band Aug. 11-17.

NEWMAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE 15611 St. Albert Trail, 447-2993. Biblical study, Christian Initiation and liturgy through July.

FUBLIC SPEAKING WITH HUMOUR AND HEART 460 9774. Learn how to release the fear and shame preventing you from speaking in public. Workshop with Barbara May.

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Call to Canadian professional musicians: Tour to European World Music Festivals The Canada Council for the Arts has launched Eurotour '03, a competition for Canadian world music artists including artists

who merge elements of other

genres of music such as folk, jazz, musique

actuelle, electronic, tumtable art, fusion of music and spoken word. Selected musicians will perform at key world music festivals in Europe for June 2003. http://canadacouncil.ca/grants/outreach for application form and guidelines. Submission deadline 1 August 2002.

Interested in promoting your music to local Film & Television productions? Call Donald Media Buddha, 732-4808

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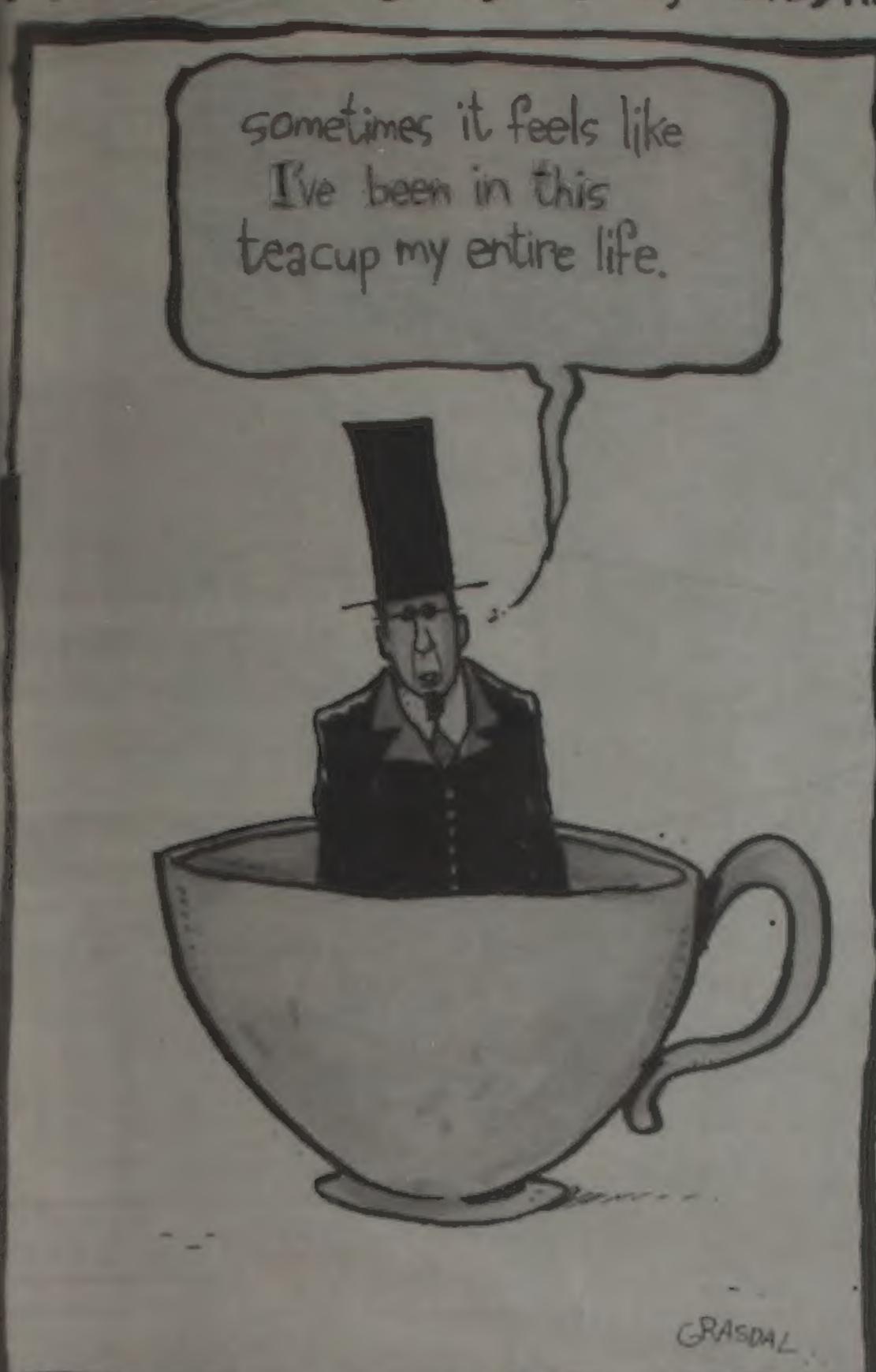
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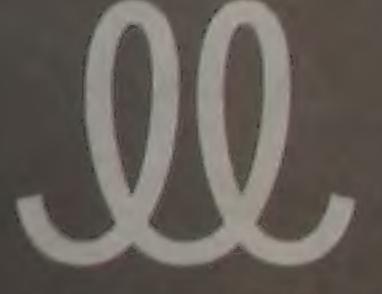


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